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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, DEC. 27 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES TO-DAY BOMBED TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS AND ELEVEN GERMAN PATROL SHIPS. ONE OF THE LATTER WAS HIT.

It is also officially announced that two German submarines have been sunk by the French Navy in the last three weeks.

### PLANES OVER ENGLAND

What were believed to be German planes were sighted over several coastal points in England to-day. They were presumably reconnoitring.

Two were seen at a great height over a Suffolk town, trailing white smoke. Hundreds of people watched a third, which was flying over the Thames Estuary at a great height and laid what seemed to be a smoke screen and escaped.

It is recalled that a German plane was shot down in the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.

### FRENCH RAID ALARM

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP).—A ten minute "air alert" alarm was sounded in northern France at 12.15 p.m., to-day.

### MEAT SOON TO BE RATIONED

#### No Shortage Likely

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—It is understood that an announcement of the date on which meat rationing will come into force in the United Kingdom will be made shortly.

Rationing is a natural result of the government's decision to take over the control of the sale, slaughter and distribution of all home-produced meat early in January.

The control and rationing of meat is designed to maintain the supply throughout the country. No shortage of meat is anticipated.

### DOG-FIGHT IN SOUTH

#### Chinese Planes Give Combat To Invaders

##### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE AIR BASE, Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air duel in South China for over two years is reported to have taken place on Wednesday afternoon when Japanese Army aircraft encountered a flight of Chinese I-16 type pursuit planes over Sunhu, north-east of Nanning, Kwangsi Province.

The Japanese aircraft moved out to support the operations of Japanese ground forces near Kaotang, about 40 miles north-east of Nanning.

The Chinese pursuit planes, immediately gave combat and, in the first mid-air engagement in South China, Japanese craft shot down three of the Chinese machines, according to a Japanese claim.

Japanese planes carried out intense bombardment of the Chinese forces and their positions near Kaotang. All Japanese planes safely returned to their base towards the evening.

### Sea-Air Battle

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—R.A.F. planes had encounters with enemy air and surfacecraft in the North Sea.

One Dornier bomber was hit several times. Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with bombs.

Later the same aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and made at least one hit.

### Head-On Combats

One British aircraft encountered a Dornier bomber and registered several hits with machine-gun bullets.

Another British aircraft was in a series of head-on combats with a second Dornier.

In the latter encounter, the German bomber was attacked with bombs dropped by the British pilot as he dived towards it.

The bombs only narrowly missed their objective. When a third Dornier came on the scene, the two German aircraft flew in a tight circle to bring a cross-fire from the front and rear guns to bear against their British opponent.

This manoeuvre was broken by the steadiness and accuracy of the British gunner, who observed a number of bursts find their mark on each Dornier, both being damaged and silenced.

The attack against the destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on the seven patrol ships was close to their base when the British pilot made his dive attacks.

The German ships put up a heavy fire against the aircraft, which nevertheless was not damaged.

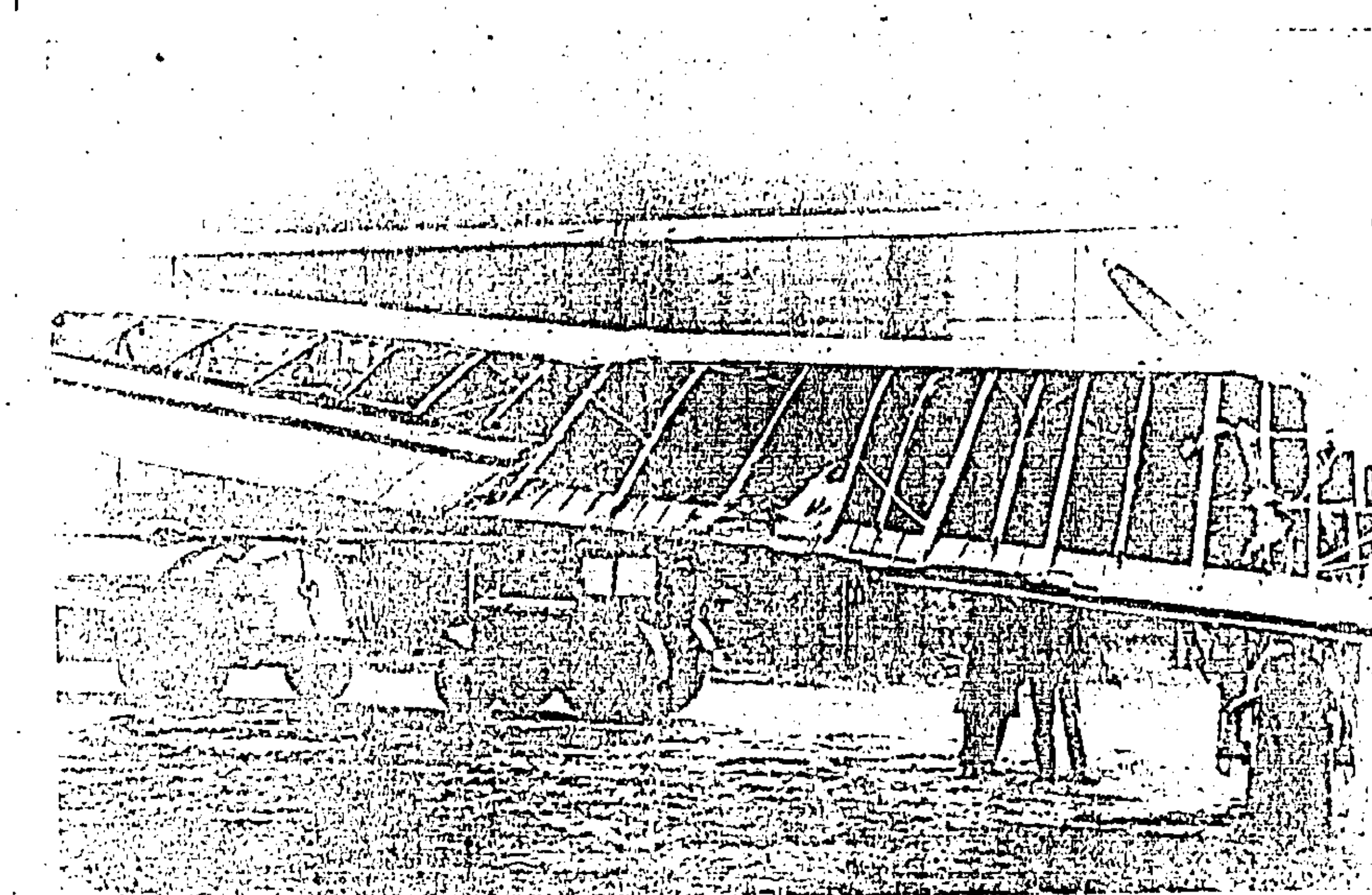
### WESTERN FRONT

#### BOCHES PUT ON HITLER SHOW

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The failure of what may have been a little military show for Hitler's personal benefit was the only incident marred by complete calm on the Western Front yesterday.

The D.N.B. reported that Hitler was present in the front lines south of Saarlouis.

### CROSSED N. SEA WITHOUT WING!



LAST WEEK, the "Telegraph" reported and commented upon the remarkable achievement of a British bomber which had the fabric of one of its wings torn away when it was struck by a German anti-aircraft shell whilst on a raid over Germany. The explosion completely tore away the fabric of one of the wings. Despite this, the plane succeeded in returning safely to its home base. Here is an official photograph, just received.

### BRITISH DIPLOMAT RELEASED

#### Seized Aboard Ship En Route To London

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the "Telegraph" by Mr. Gordon Vereker, the British diplomat who has just been released.

Mr. Vereker said that he had wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway, and had therefore booked a passage on an Estonian boat which was taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden, presuming that no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic.

"But I had under-estimated. We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop."

### Taken Prisoner

"The Germans came aboard and took the passengers prisoner," Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemunde, where he was shut up in a military prison.

Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was as agreeable as was possible under the circumstances.

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy, and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then on a regular boat to Sweden.

### Tripartite Trade Talks Held Up

BERNE, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations between Great Britain, France and Switzerland have been suspended, and the Swiss delegation has returned from Paris, according to a wireless announcement to-night.

The report submitted to the Federal Council by the Swiss delegation reveals that there were considerable differences of opinion between the parties.

### JAPANESE MONGOLIAN REVERSES

#### Admission By Military Spokesman In Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admissions made by the Japanese military spokesman to-day show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia were hard pressed by the recent Chinese offensive.

The Japanese casualties in the fighting around Paotow totalled a hundred dead, including a full Colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city but, said the spokesman, were subsequently driven out with heavy losses.

For a time the railway between Kweihsu and Kalgan was interrupted, the Chinese apparently succeeding in advancing to the outskirts of Kweihsu before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governor of Suiyuan Province.

### ANTARCTIC QUEST

#### Admiral Byrd At Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly aboard his Polar Exploration ship, "North Star," en route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful until the ship ran into a gale, but the vessel and cargo, including a snow cruiser, were not damaged.

### Missed Christmas Day

Christmas Day was missed by the crossing of the International line but the festival nevertheless was celebrated with exchange of gifts and carol singing.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where it found that the inhabitants had an adequate supply of food to see them through until a supply ship arrived.

Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa, near Pitcairn, where the inhabitants, before his arrival, were unaware that war had broken out.

### Crippled Wings

The story that one of the R.A.F. machines flew back from Germany to England with no wing and half the fabric gone from the starboard wing must strike even the layman as remarkable.

Yet it is certain that something of the sort happened, that the damage occurred over Germany, and that the machine succeeded in getting back to England.

It was not very far above the waves when it reached home, and we may presume that the crew threw overboard everything possible to lighten the load, doubtless kept the rubber dinghy as their most precious possession. We may presume, too, that the ailerons remained more or less intact.

It is hoped that a photograph of the machine will be available before long and then experts

### ANGLO-CHINESE DISCUSSIONS

#### Attempt To Dispose Of Controversies

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, who will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits, will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including the various suggestions for a solution of the Tientsin issues.

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The "Asahi Shimbun" statement that "everything depends on the British attitude" is manifestly incorrect since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government for some reasonable arrangement, which will dispose of this troublesome question.

### STALIN PURGES ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according to Paris-Radio.

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the O.G.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

### Reds Continue Mass Raids On Finnish Cities

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland.

More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere (Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done.

In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area, wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities. One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere. Other towns were also raided.

Helsingfors was again raided, the alarm lasting for two hours. Once again no bombs were dropped within the city, although one fire is reported on the outskirts.

Later some "bomphlets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian friends."

A correspondent reports that 42 civilian centres were bombed by the Soviet during Christmas.

### Civilians Machine-Gunned

An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the planes flew low enough to machine-gun the civilians.

The Soviets lost 23 machines. One of the other main targets for Soviet attacks is Viborg, which is only about 20 miles behind the Mannerheim line.

Viborg has not only been bombed from the air but Soviet artillery is shelling it from a range of over 25 miles.

Fortunately the bulk of the civilian population evacuated some time ago and most of the remaining civilians have now also left the city.

### A.R.P. In Helsingfors

New air-raid precautions are announced in Helsingfors.

All motor-cars must be painted white so as to make them difficult to be seen from the air against the snowy background, and for the same reason pedestrians out on foot during the raids must carry white sheets which can be spread over themselves when Soviet machines come down to machine-gun civilians.

### Attacks In Waves

While the Russians continued to hammer the left wing of the Mannerheim Line, they were using heavy artillery all along the Karelian Front, sending shells over the Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the lines.

Viborg particularly is suffering a bombardment by these heavy guns which are estimated to be operating some 25 miles away.

The Soviets have launched wave after wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line so far with little, if any, success.

The intense cold is enabling Soviet tanks and artillery to cross the frozen lakes.

Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the ice.

Finnish planes are constantly on the look-out and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots.

A few well-directed bombs on the ice discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross the ice.

Latest reports from the Salla front declare that the Russians have reached altogether 60 miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago when they were nearly half-way across the "waist."

Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the ice.

### AID FROM ALLIES

#### Russo-Finnish Conflict May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Dec. 27 (Domei).—The Allies are understood to be pushing preparations to extend military and financial assistance to Finland.

It is understood that the Allies are also ready to assist Sweden and Norway if Soviet pressure is extended to them.

Informed quarters state that Allied assistance to Finland will be made on a larger scale, both militarily and financially.

Meanwhile, the tardy progress in the Soviet military operations in Finland is reported to have encouraged Balkan nations to revive their attempts to form a Balkan neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended in a failure about a month ago.

Rumania is reported to be determined to resist both Soviet and German pressure.

### Scandinavian Aid

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—More help for Finland is being sent. A Danish ambulance unit of 130 beds arrived on the central Finnish front to-day.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that the appeal for comforts for Finnish soldiers has met with a wonderful response.

### U.S. Denial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The State Department denied London reports that the United States intends ordering Americans to leave Russia and will then sever diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government.

### LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

### PUPPET'S "TOY" ARMY HAS MUSEUM UNIFORMS

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Arrivals from Tallinn have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish People's Government", although it has few people to govern.

The puppet government has now got its own toy army. Unfortunately the army has no uniforms of its own and the Soviets are too busy fighting the Finns to be able to provide them with any.

The museum was accordingly ransacked and the toy army is now fitted out with military costumes of the early eighteenth century.

The costumes are worn exactly as they were 200 years ago, with one exception. In the middle of each cocked hat now appears a Red Star.



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## Imagination Was Too Vivid

### Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

The Nazis, said the announcer, would never give out information which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical broadcast from Zecken, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch lighting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she once had been.

## GOTT MIT HUNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Christmas declarations of King George VI and M. Daladier are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American Press.

The "Boston Herald" says that the statements of the King and M. Daladier are more understandable to Americans because they spoke in cautious words of rulers who recognize their responsibilities to their people.

"Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess, in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man. The man referred to is not Jesus but Hitler," says the journal.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### NOTICE

The office of the Commercial Secretary to His Majesty's Embassy in China and His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, at Hong Kong, will be closed on the 1st January, 1940.

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#### Notice to Shippers

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

### Russo-Bulgarian Trade Talks

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria are expected to open late to-night.

The Bulgarian Mission, consisting of six delegates, is headed by the Minister of Finance. The Mission arrived in Moscow yesterday morning.

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-shui-poi, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2793	Between New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2792 and 2794, and King's Road.	N. 300 feet, S. 300 feet, E. 300 feet, W. 300 feet.	5,400	\$74	\$675
			As per sale plan.			

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 5741	Between Inland Lots Nos. 5740 and 5742, and King's Road.	N. 300 feet, S. 300 feet, E. 300 feet, W. 300 feet.	1,750	\$232	\$2,625
			As per sale plan.			

## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Conduit Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	Conduit Lot No. 949	Between Conduit Lots Nos. 948 and 950, and Conduit Road.	N. 300 feet, S. 300 feet, E. 300 feet, W. 300 feet.	6,700	\$16	\$335
			As per sale plan.			

## HITLER'S LETTERS TO A PRINCESS

LETTERS between Hitler and Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburg, who unsuccessfully claimed damages from Lord Rothermere for breach of contract, were mentioned in the King's Bench Division during the case.

One from Captain Weidemann, formerly Hitler's personal adjutant, to Lord Rothermere was read. It said:

"It was her groundwork which made the Munich Agreement possible."

Before the case was adjourned Sir William Jowitt, K.C., said Lord Rothermere considered the claim was not honest.

The princess, former wife of a Hungarian, whom she divorced, alleged she was engaged by Lord Rothermere at a salary of £5,000 a year to act as a special foreign political representative in Europe.

She also claimed that Lord Rothermere had failed to carry out promises to vindicate her reputation by exposing the falsity of libellous statements in the foreign Press.

The princess was cross-examined about letters that had passed between her and Captain Weidemann. Sir William Jowitt asked her: "Have you availed yourself of the services of Captain Weidemann to put pressure on Lord Rothermere to pay you a large sum of money?"

"I have not," she replied.

He asked why she was seeking Hitler's permission to use as evidence letters that had passed between her and the Fuehrer. The princess said that in case the letters were read she had to get this permission.

Hitler's Promise  
When Sir William read Captain Weidemann's statement in his letter to Lord Rothermere that it was her groundwork which made the Munich Agreement possible he asked her, "Is that true?"

"Yes," she replied.

"It was the princess who introduced you to the Fuehrer—a fact which he also greatly appreciates."

"In these circumstances, considering the obvious character, besides the real friendship he has for the princess, there is no doubt in my mind that he will grant her any help he can in her fight to re-establish her personal honour and financial status."

"The Fuehrer will grant her permission to use the correspondence as evidence, as he will feel it to be a great help for a woman in a fight against a powerful man but, nevertheless, it will be very unpleasant for him."

Sir William asked why this would be unpleasant for Hitler's publicity. "Because he does not like journalists and newspapers because he has been treated—shall I say unkindly?"

In conclusion, Captain Weidemann suggested the case should be settled, and offered his "personal help as mediator."

Sir William said Lord Rothermere replied, "I am very sure that the Fuehrer does not wish to be troubled in regard to such a tumprey question."

"I have treated the lady with the fullest generosity."

He was, he said, prepared to go to Germany and explain anything to the personal satisfaction of the Fuehrer.

The princess said the insinuation that the correspondence was an effort to exert pressure on Lord Rothermere was "absolutely preposterous."

She agreed she became very bitter against Lord Rothermere when she saw how he was feted in Hungary without her name being mentioned. She denied that she told Lord Rothermere's son, "In my position one must live well, but I have no money and am getting desperate."

Income For Life  
Although, she admitted, she had never written an article, she was offered, she said, £25,000 for a "story" of Lord Rothermere's campaign on behalf of Hungary. She thought the people making the offer were enemies of his. "He has very many enemies," she added.

When Sir William said Lord Rothermere denied she had mentioned the offer to him, the princess replied, "Lord Rothermere is saying a lie."

She added that she never meant to say Lord Rothermere gave her a job to prevent her publishing the story. She was not suggesting he entered into the contract to buy her silence.

Referring to the alleged libels, and Lord Rothermere's attitude to them, she said she thought he was sacrificing her interests to his own. In 1937 she told him, "I give you a warning. I don't trust you any more."

Her understanding of her contract was that she should be paid £5,000 a year for life, whether she worked for him or not. She had never imperturbed him for jewellery.

At the end of her case Sir William Jowitt submitted there was no case for Lord Rothermere to answer, but added that if the Judge (Mr. Justice Tucker) preferred not to give a ruling at that point he would call him.

Opening the case for Lord Rothermere, Sir William said it needed not a little courage by Lord Rothermere

## SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

### NAZI GIBE AT SWISS

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" recently published an article, from Zurich, under the heading "Switzerland in the Shadow of War."

It was written in the irritatingly superior tone reserved by Hitlerite Germany for not very benevolent neutrals.

Many Swiss, it stated, now see that they were wrong in eradicating M. Molin, their Foreign Minister, who, when France and Great Britain rejected their power policy at the beginning of the Sanection crisis, cleverly and resolutely disengaged his country from "the dangerous entanglements of Geneva" and prepared the way for Switzerland's return to "integral neutrality."

M. Molin, it may be surmised, will be none too pleased with his apparent popularity in Frankfurt.

The article pays a tribute to the efficiency of the Swiss Army, which, it said, "could certainly show its strength if there were an attempt to break through."

#### Stalin-square, Berlin

The inscription Stalin-square was scribbled over a plate in Berlin bearing the name Mussolin-square during the night.

#### R.A.F. Raids Over Germany

Gen. Stendemann, in command of Air Defences in the Ruhr and Rhine industrial areas, was asked at a Rhineland Press conference why the R.A.F. raiders who dropped pamphlets over Germany were able to escape the anti-aircraft guns, says the Amsterdam "De Tijd."

He replied that the raiders usually flew in cloudy weather, and thus could not be easily seen. On the other hand, neither could the raiding planes see their objectives.

He was then pleased to add that the pamphlets often fell in thinly populated areas instead of in the big towns.

All industrial towns and plants, communications and bridges were, he asserted, the conference, protected by anti-aircraft batteries, balloon barrages, and chaser planes.

He also stated that transport men had been asked to keep their motor-engines as silent as possible by night to avoid confusing the listening posts. Sirens were sounded as little as possible. Church bells were to be used for warning purposes.

#### The Surprise Element

A young German woman, working as war-time "postman" in Berlin, gave Goebbels a shock.

With other Germans, including some German farmers who had lived in Poland, she had been brought before the microphone to be interviewed. All the others said their piece well, but when the interviewer asked her if her husband was at the front and was she proud of it, she answered, with spirit:

"Thank God, he is not. For the first time I am glad his health is not good!"

#### Visits to Relatives Banned

Germans who wish to visit relatives in Western Germany will be unable to do so, according to an announcement on the German Wire-press.

Entry into that part of Germany is now possible only with the consent of the military authorities, and they have been ordered to refuse all requests for admission.

#### The Best of the Day

The deliberate lie has been broadcast by Germany in Arabic alleging that the British Government contemplates the recruitment of a Jewish army to fight against Arabs. In describing the allegation as preposterous, the British Colonial Office pointed out that if His Majesty's Government were to find it necessary to raise forces in Palestine for the defence of the territory against external aggression, the forces so raised would be representative of both Arabs and Jews.

## "JUNE" SUES HUSBAND

SANTA BARBARA, California. Mrs. Edward Hillman, jun., formerly Lady Inverclyde, is suing her husband for a maintenance allowance. They were married at Cannes in August, 1937, and afterwards lived at Beverley Hills.

As "June" Mrs. Hillman, jun., was one of the leading musical comedy actresses in the years after the last war.

In 1929 she married Lord Inverclyde. The marriage was dissolved in 1933.

To fight these sorts of proceedings, Lord Rothermere had never heard about the publication of articles by the princess for £25,000. If any offer had been made it could only have been done by blackmailers.

Regarding the alleged libels, Lord Rothermere took the view that it was best to treat the matter with the contempt it deserved. There was no question of forcing the princess not to take action.

Until the present action, he had never heard any suggestion that he had made a contract to support the princess for life.

## Passport Poser By Peer From Norman Islands

LORD PORTSEA, who will be 80 next year, created a diversion in the House of Lords recently when he demanded to know why "a Member of this House on a visit to the Norman Archipelago (the appanage of the Crown) was required to obtain a passport before being permitted to return to the mainland to attend to duties."

The Norman Archipelago is better known to most people as the Channel Islands. Lord Portsea is a Channel Islander, and was the subject of his own question.

#### "A Peer's Rights"

"A member of this House should have the right to return to his duty without having to associate with aliens and traitors and put his name on a form given him by the Aliens Office," he told his fellow-peers.

Lord Newton said it was one of the most insignificant questions he had ever seen on the Parliamentary Paper, and he grudged the time, trouble and even the money spent in preparing an answer.

We were in a state of war, he continued. The War Office had made certain regulations, and travellers had to have a special permit.

#### Son of Jersey Judge

Lord Portsea is the first baron, having been created a peer in 1934; his baronetcy dates from 1916. Son of a judge in the Royal Court of Jersey, he is a member of a family—the Falles—that has lived in "the Norman Islands" since the fifteenth century.

He is a strong Tory and refuses to use a car, preferring to drive in a carriage and pair.

## Amnesty By Franco

MADRID. Gen. Franco has pardoned several thousand army and naval officers who were serving sentences of between six months and six years' imprisonment. It is announced here. The decision was made on a Sunday, "Franco's Day," which was celebrated over the whole of Spain in commemoration of his appointment as Chief of State three years ago.

In addition Gen. Franco commuted a large number of death sentences in various parts of Spain.

## TRIPLETS ARE ORPHANS NOW

TRIPLETS, two girls and a boy, were born in a Portsmouth hospital seven months ago. Their mother died the following day.

By the sinking of the Royal Oak they have lost their father, Able-Seaman Erle Hington. All three, have been adopted.

## Australian Conscription

SYDNEY.

Mr. John Curtin, leader of the Opposition, commenting on the Government's decision to introduce compulsory militia training, said that Labour was irrevocably opposed to any departure from the voluntary system.

The Australasian Council of Trade Unions is expected to demand that the Labour Advisory Committee should formulate a common policy against compulsion.

It realises that many in the labour ranks are not opposed to its re-introduction, and that this will actually strengthen the Ministry's position with Parliament. The Country Party has always strongly supported it, and the Returned Soldiers' League has advocated it for years.

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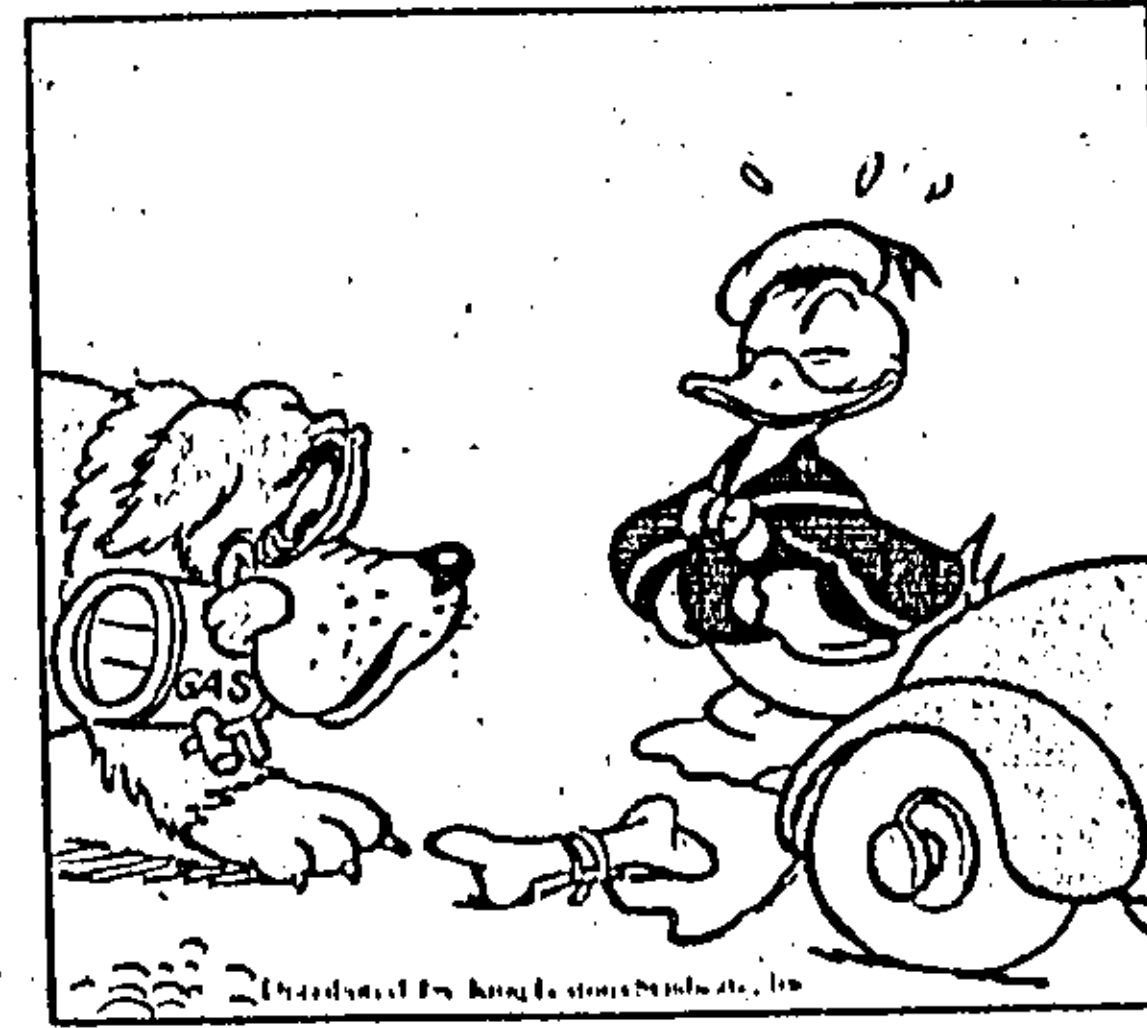
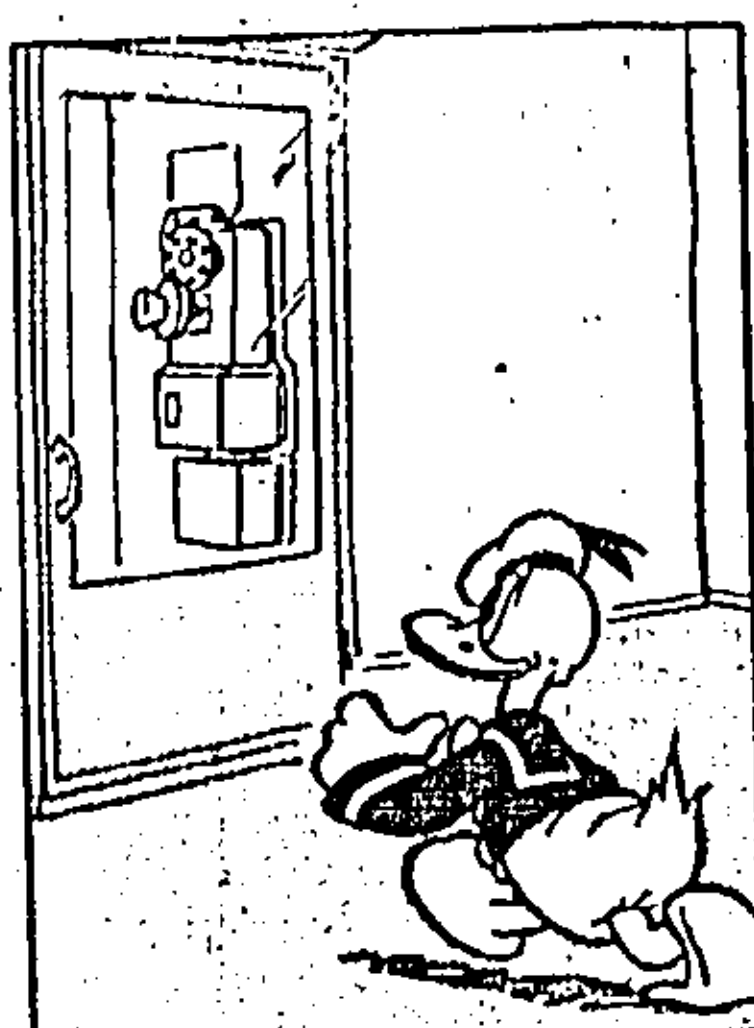
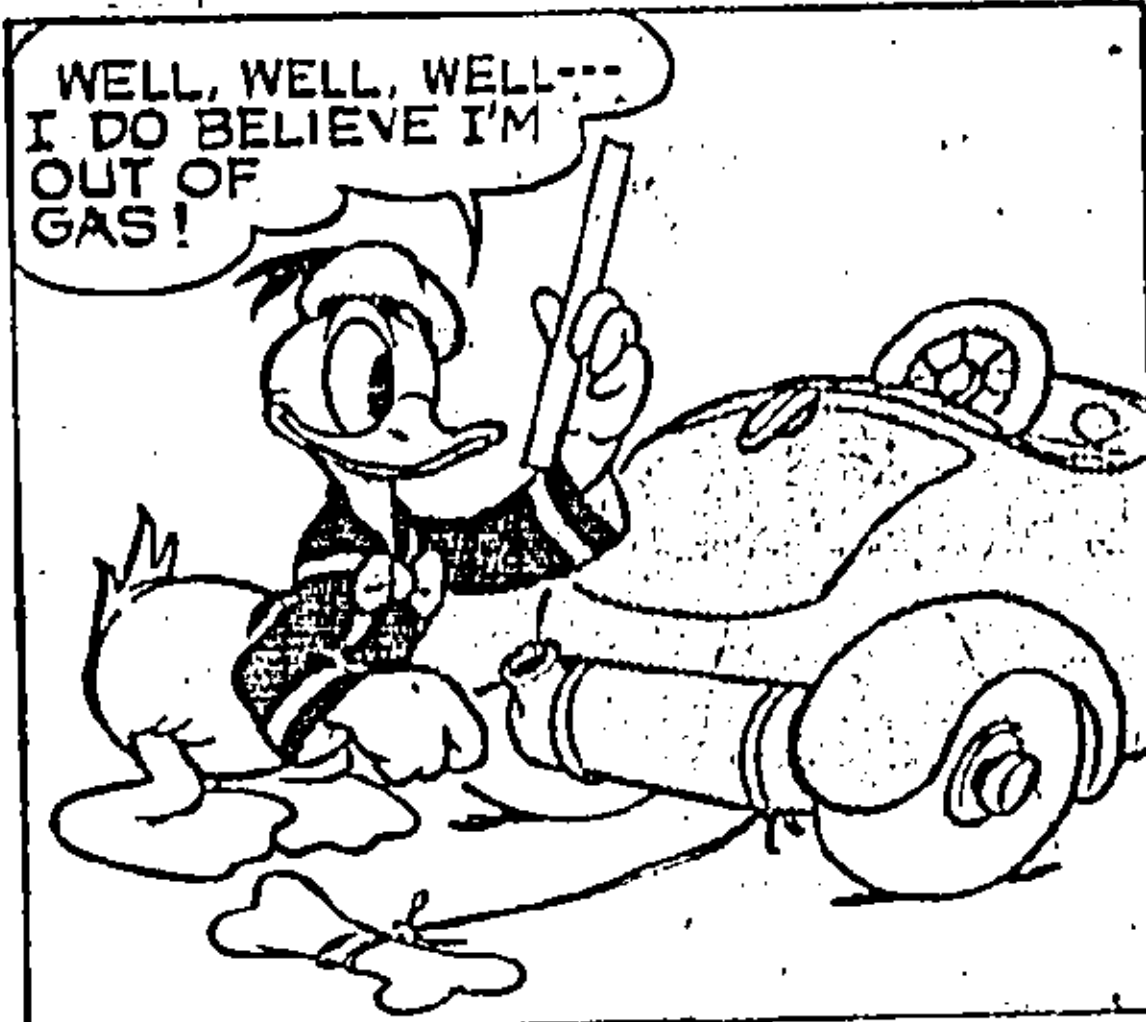
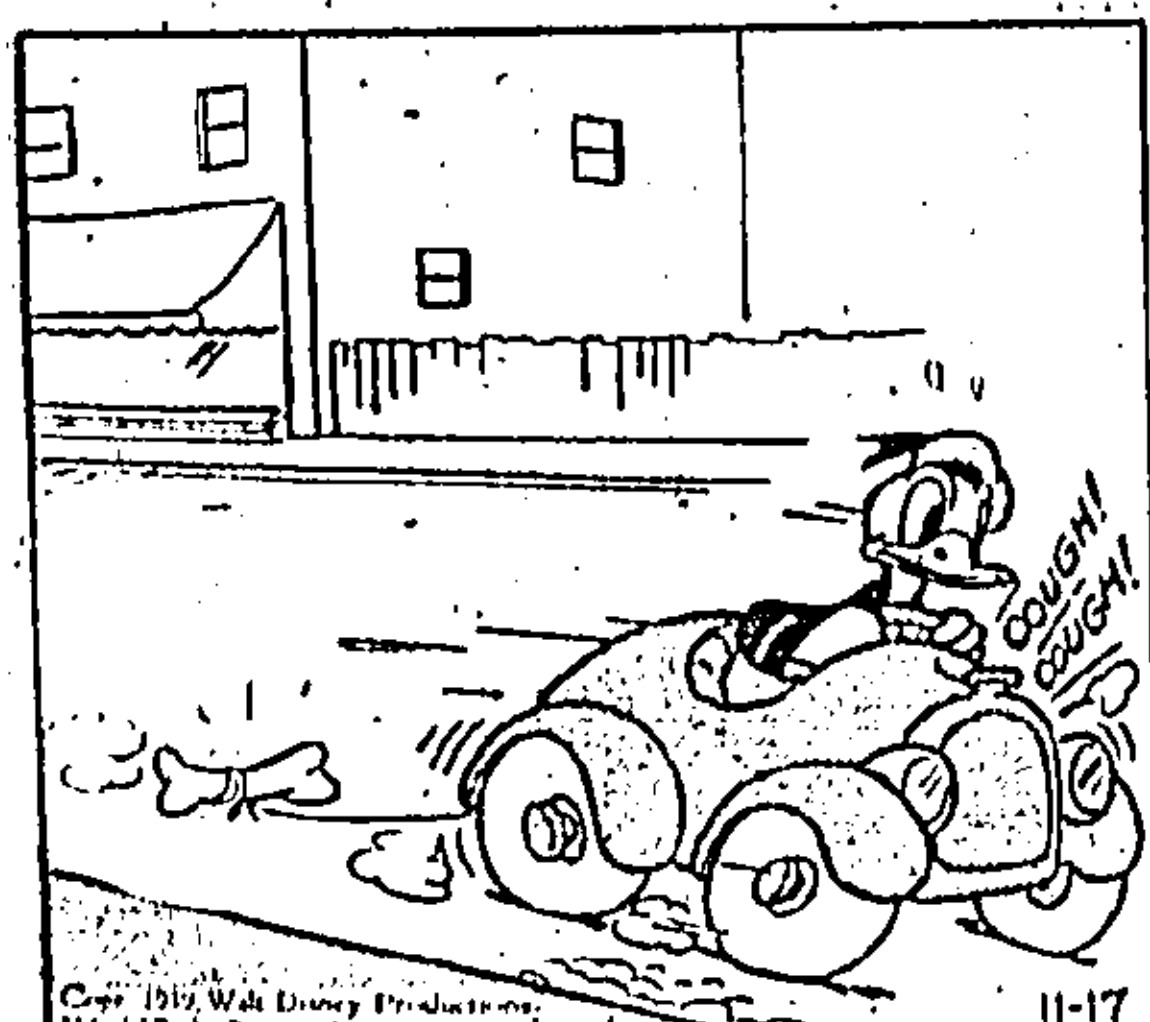
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## Fight of 4,000 years ago is museum Returns Peer of 83 to The Fray fake says major

Daily Express Correspondent

ELY (Cambs.).

A STORY of 4,000 years ago, represented by an animal skull with a stone axe-head stuck in it, has been believed until to-night, when Major Gordon E. Fowler denied it.

THE man who had the last audience with Queen Victoria before she died—to receive instructions about the floor war—came back to the House of Lords in fighting mood recently. He was Lord Middleton, War Minister from 1900 to 1905, now 83 years old, who, as Mr. St. John Brodrick, had his name perpetuated in the "Brodrick Cap."

This is how he described the great exodus from the Ministry of Information:

"At midnight, on October 8, this lurid stream of incongruities overflowed its banks and 350 were transferred to a special department under Sir Walter Monckton."

The Brodrick forage cap was introduced into the British Army in 1902, after Mr. St. John Brodrick, then War Minister, had watched the German Army manoeuvres, but 30 years later, he revealed that it was King Edward VII. who actually approved the cap.

(Lord Camrose has left the Ministry of Information).

### GAS AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

A well contaminated area may on occasion be worth a division—particularly when there is not a division to be had where it is wanted.

Gas in the last war was a weapon of offence, largely due to the element of surprise when it was first introduced. It was an aid to offence when troops were unprepared to meet it.

After gas masks had become general it was more of a nuisance than anything. Gas tactics were in their infancy.

In this war it will be a weapon of defence, and thus it will undoubtedly be employed eventually.

### Paris to Rio At 25,000ft.

FLYING at an average height of 25,000ft., Paul Codos and Guillaumet have piloted France's first sub-stratosphere plane from Paris to Rio de Janeiro.

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The four-engined machine, named Camille Flammarion, after the great scientist has an air-tight cabin but no other special apparatus for high altitude flying.

Cuts were made at Dakar (Senegal) and at Natal (Brazil) after crossing the Atlantic in 12 hours (average speed 170 m.p.h.); flying time from Natal to Rio was 10 hours.

### PRESIDENT RETIRES

Zurich, Dec. 27. M. Moseicki, former President of Poland, with his wife and daughter arrived in Switzerland this morning from Rumania on route to Freiburg. According to the Polish authorities,

But another three years must pass before Major Fowler can fully prove his denial.

For the last fifty years the skull and axe have been an exhibit in the Sidgwick Museum at Cambridge. And scientists, students and public have accepted them as evidence of a prehistoric fight to the death.

But Major Fowler says in effect: Bunk. You have all been daddled. I know the man who daddled you, but I can't name him—yet.

Major Fowler is a Fenland research enthusiast, and he was speaking at a meeting at Ely to-night when he alleged that the exhibit was a fake.

He said afterwards: "The axe was placed in the skull by the man who perpetrated the trick on the scientists."

He added that he knew the facts about the perpetrator, but he could not divulge the full story until five years after the man's death. He had not been dead two years yet.

It is expected that the museum will now call in experts to investigate Major Fowler's statement.

M. Moseicki will stay at Freiburg, where he was once a professor at the University, as a private person for reasons of health only.—United Press.



German soldiers who won't be required to fight in the war again. They're prisoners in a British internment camp somewhere in England. They'll be there for war's duration.

## ONE NAZI CHIEF IS A MEGALOMANIAC

—Guess his name

"THE megalomania of one man defeated the Prime Minister and defeated me also," said Sir Neville Henderson, formerly Ambassador in Berlin, at a Press Club lunch.

"Had Hitler stopped after Munich, co-operation even with him might still have been possible. But Hitler would not, or could not, stop."

Sir Neville said he went to Berlin two and a half years ago with the deep conviction that if war was to be avoided it was necessary to find some means of coming to an understanding with the German people.

### Some Good Nazis

"Germany was governed by Hitler and the Nazi Party," he said. "That was her affair, and there was nothing I could do about that. Therefore, if one wanted an understanding one had to get it with the Nazi Government."

"There were good Nazis, just as there were bad Nazis; there were Nazi idealists, just as much as there were self-seeking adventurers and bullies. There were certain aspects of the regime one might have tolerated."

"My mission ended in tragic failure. I think it probably could not have ended in any other way."

"The ambitions and appetites of a dictator grow as the need for dictatorship diminishes, and as the fear of a dictator, and of a small extremist minority that they will lose their jobs, becomes more oppressive."

"In spite of all the bitterness of failure, I still assert that the Nazi case, in the beginning, had a certain measure of justification, and that the too-sweeping condemnation in England of everything that had to do with it was not fair."

"It may be, as some say, that there is no distinction between Nazism and Germany; but that is a standpoint of despair, and this war will have been fought in vain if, at the end of it, we have not helped to teach the German people themselves that distinction."

"Hitler himself was the more creation of the feeling of every German against the discrimination and injustice of Versailles."

Sir Neville said the war must be fought and won, and we must end it in such a way that the only grievances the Germans have shall be against their own rulers, their leaders, and the system which brought them again to defeat.

"When I left Germany my experience was that there was no hatred among the masses of the German people against England as there was in 1914. My information is that this

### Feared Being Called Up, Cut Off Fingers

CAMBORNE (Cornwall.)

A YOUNG man was alleged to have cut off two fingers of his right hand to prevent being called up for Army service.

Norman Richards (25), of Trevelyan Farm, Camborne, a butcher's assistant, was committed for trial at Penzance Quarter Sessions on a charge of having, on September 5, unlawfully maimed himself by cutting off the first and second fingers of his right hand to prevent enlistment in His Majesty's forces."

### In Butcher's Shop

On the evening of September 5, it was alleged, Richards went to a back room at the shop where he was employed in Camborne and a little later returned to the shop with his right hand bleeding and parts of two fingers missing. In the back room his employer found a cleaver.

To Detective-Constable Julian Richards was stated to have said: "I have been very worried lately over the international situation and the war. I cannot sleep. I am sorry I did it. I wish I had my two fingers back again."

A further alleged statement by him was: "Before the war broke out I talked with the chaps working with me as to who would have to join up if war came. They said, 'You will have to go.' I said I would rather be a conscientious objector. They said: 'You can't be that this time, and I got worried.'"

"I was driven up to a pith and I must have done it last Tuesday morning."

"If I had my time to go over again I wouldn't have done it. I am left-handed in most things, but I write with my right hand."

has been greatly changed in the last two months, thanks to the propaganda of Dr. Goebbels.

"So that as it may, I find in England very little sign of hostility to Germans as distinct from Hitlerism and its methods."

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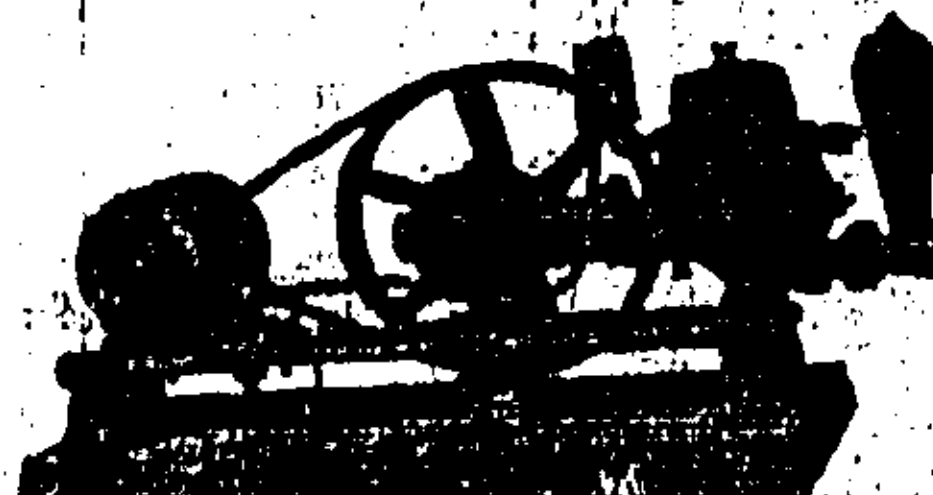
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### Someone Blundered

How long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect of success, is a question exercising the talents of government experts in several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Hitler deliberately chose war with Britain and France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these nations would not fight—this would help toward an estimate of Germany's real strength.

If Hitler deliberately chose war against two powerful nations in addition to Poland, one might assume he counted on the material equipment of the Third Reich to carry it through. But if he blundered into it, relying on bluff to win the day, it was not on German strength but on his own cleverness that he may have relied.

Thus the recent disclosure by Reikichi Kita, member of the Japanese House of Representatives, indicating Hitler did not believe Britain and France would fight, is extremely interesting. Mr. Kita says that a Japanese industrialist who was invited to the Nazi rally at Nuremberg, but who decided because of the crisis to go immediately to Stockholm, was urged in a note from Hitler to stay in Germany because there would not be war.

It was not possible for the Allied diplomats, in direct negotiation with Hitler, to know certainly whether he was really ready to face a major war. Many assessed his boldness as bluff. Some appear to have felt that at the last moment, Hitler began to realize what he was up against but decided to go ahead even into general war. Mr. Kita's report, supporting the views of those who believe Hitler blundered, helps also to explain why he risked the Russian partnership. Had that last gigantic bluff worked, Hitler might have had Poland and peace—his kind of peace, a spectacular victory over the western democracies and some gains at the expense of the Soviet, granted unwittingly by Stalin's own hand.

But if somebody blundered, it wasn't Stalin.

## SONNET ON PRAYER

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right.  
Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray;  
Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;  
Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.  
Far is the time, remote from human sight,  
When war and discord on the earth shall cease;  
Yet every prayer for universal peace  
Avails the blessed time to expedite.  
What'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,  
Though it be what thou canst not hope to see;  
Pray to be perfect, though material heaven  
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be.  
But if for any wish thou darest not pray,  
Then pray to God to cast that wish away.  
—Hartley Coleridge.

## TEN FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

1. A Swedish colony for 500 years. Finland was ceded to the expanding Russian Empire in three stages during the eighteenth century.
2. Backed by German troops, she finally won her independence by crushing a Communist revolt in 1918.
3. Finland has been friendly with Germany since. Coloured shirts and swastikas are much in evidence, although the Government is a Social Democratic-Agricultural coalition.
4. The country is governed by a President (elected for six years), a Council of State, and a Diet of 200.
5. Finland was the first country to give votes to women under a short-lived self-government constitution granted by the Czar in 1907. They still have them.
6. Finns are mainly Lutheran Protestants. Their other religion is physical fitness. Remember Paavo Nurmi, the runner?
7. They are also one of the best educated and most cultured races in Europe.
8. Asiatic. In origin, they moved from the Volga in the eighth century. They are related to the Estonians and Hungarians.
9. Main product is timber carried to the coast on the country's many lakes and rivers. Minerals are scarce, there is no coal.
10. Population, 2,611,791; area, 132,000 square miles (size of England, Scotland and Wales).

# How We Knocked 1/5th Off Hitler's Battle Fleet

by H. C. FERRABY,  
Daily Express  
Naval Reporter

At the beginning of the war Germany's battle fleet consisted of the three pocket battleships Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer, and Deutschland, and the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

## 1. Tactics

WHEN the first whisper reached me that the Achilles was in action with the Admiral Scheer (as we believed the ship to be at that time) and then later that she had been sunk, I saw nothing improbable in the report.

Ever since the start of the hunt for the German pocket battleships, those of us who remember the battle of Coronel have feared that the Germans might have the luck to catch some of our searching light cruisers out of reach of protection of the bigger ships, and that another easy triumph for the German Navy might precede the extinction of the raiders.

The fear was reasonable. Consider the gun power of the respective ships:—

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Graf Spee class	670	4,020 12,060
Archilles class	100	800 8,000
Exeter class	250	1,500 7,500

Not only was the pocket battleship's total weight of fire 50 per cent. greater than that of

any of our cruisers. The crushing effect of one 670lb. shell is so much greater than that of one 100lb. shell, and the amount of damage done by one greater than that by six of the British shells—because of its concentration in one spot.

Moreover, the British cruisers' gun range is some 18,000 yards, which is well inside the 30,000 yards of the German ship. The cruisers could not hope, as it seemed, to be within range where they could damage the German without being themselves under such weight of fire as must annihilate them in a few salvoes.

It didn't work out that way. The gunnery of the Germans was by no means up to their usual standard—which was demonstrated when the Deutschland sank the Rawalpindi. We are told that at the start of the battle the only ship engaging the Graf Spee was the Exeter. The German gunners had at that time only the one target; they had also only the fire of one ship to unsettle them.

At that stage gunners of the skill of those who fought under Admiral von Spee at the battle of Coronel would have reduced the target to splinters in a few rounds. The gunners of the

battleship named after that admiral were not worthy of their forerunners.

But the battle was a remarkable triumph for the gunnery men of the British cruisers. For such comparatively light craft to knock a ship of the size of the Graf Spee about so badly without being smashed up themselves is a feat that takes some believing, even though there were three of them on the spot.

Why were our gunnery men so successful, the Germans so surprisingly bad? The answer is in the tactics which the British cruisers adopted.

The British tactics seem to have been modelled on those of Sturdee at the battle of the Falklands—a long, running fight; excess of speed ensuring that touch could always be kept; steady hammering at the enemy for hours on end with slow, concentrated fire at intervals so as not to waste a salvo by hitting at the empty air; skilful dodging of his salvoes by manoeuvring, and, of course, simultaneous concentration of fire from three directions to worry both the gunnery control in the enemy ship and the attempts of the bridge to dodge the fall of shot.

Observers outside the ship have already told us of damage to the superstructure and the bridge of the Graf Spee. But that is superficial damage, and would not of itself explain her decision to seek shelter in the neutral harbour. Yet her armoured sides should have been sufficient to resist shells of the calibre that were fired at her. She is reputed to have had armoured decks as a defence against plunging fire (that is, shells dropping from a great height), and her gun turrets had seven-inch armour. Either British shells today, even of medium calibre, are a vast deal more powerful than we have ever suspected, or the construction of the pocket battleships is nothing like as formidable in defence as we have been led to believe.

## BEHIND THE WAR NEWS

# GAS AS A WEAPON

by Peter Evans

DURING the last few years there has been more public discussion on the subject of gas in warfare than on most other aspects of the science of mutual destruction.

For some reason it has always been represented as a particularly horrible weapon, and there have been more efforts to make rules for its use than there have been to abolish the circumstances in which it could be used.

The improbability of its use against the civilian population, and the reasons why it should inspire little fear if it is, were very clearly shown by Prof. J. B. S. Haldane yesterday. But the professor said nothing as to its use on the field of battle. In 1925 the principal Governments of the world, gathered at Geneva, forbore the use of all asphyxiating and blistering gases for evermore. The Governments of the world have sworn many things that they have subsequently done.

Will this prove to be another? I think it will.

Already one nation—Italy—has used gas in war during the last few years. The campaign in Ethiopia seemed to be at a standstill. Gas made it fluid again, and the Italians won.

Many hard things were said of Mussolini for his action, but from a military point of view, he was only doing what any nation might do with its back to the wall—take the best means to get away from it.

Gas in war is a very valuable weapon, and no more inhuman than anything else that is designed by the blinding gases. Except for the element of surprise among troops unprepared to meet them, asphyxiating gases have little military value today.

They are volatile and a slight breeze quickly blows them away. Since modern armies are provided with gas-masks, it means that asphyxiating gases only add another to the (dis)comforts of war.

Gas, therefore, appears as a valuable aid to defence. It is possible to

lay gas in front of a weakly held sector so that troops may be concentrated in front of another sector.

Then again, in withstanding an offensive, gas is an effective barrier. It can be so effective a barrier that I believe the first army to be really hard pressed will use it; it will be unable to overcome the temptation.

To a large extent it will take the place that barbed wire held in the last war.

In laying wire, men have to expose themselves, and as night a front can be, and probably will be, lit up most

of the time. In the same way men can crawl forward to cut it.

Shell fire can flatten wire, and that is the main purpose of a barrage before an advance against a defended position. Tanks largely came into existence to overcome wire.

But gas is subject to none of these disadvantages. It is thus in defence a much more valuable aid than ever wire was.

But if its chief use is defensive, it can also play a part in an offensive, particularly in open warfare. Troops advancing on a sector can protect their flanks by contaminating the country on each side of them.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Hmmm—she looks too young to be his daughter—she must be his wife!"

## 2. Strategy

The strategical disposition of the British forces in the South Atlantic to deal with the problem of the raiders has been justified by the event.

It has always been obvious to the student of naval warfare that if the raiders were to do any damage it could be done only at the focal points, those areas of the sea into which merchant ships must come as they approach or leave the harbours. They might roam the open space for weeks on end, as they have done, without catching more than an occasional freighter.

Our covering forces did not need to roam the seas wildly looking for them. Sooner or later they must venture into the areas where shipping was to be found. The mouth of the River Plate and a hundred miles to seaward of it is a vital focal point. There are several others in the South Atlantic. There are several in the Indian Ocean.

There, and thereabouts, was the place in which our patrols were most needed. And precisely off the River Plate the Graf Spee runs straight into some of them.



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### OPENING OF THE YANGTSE

Tokyo, Dec. 27. The Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, stated to-day that as a result of the American announcement that trade and shipping will continue, the apprehension arising out of a non-treaty situation will be wiped out. Japan would like both parties to regulate their relations through a legal status for at least one year rather than from day to day. It was still hoped to establish such a legal status.

The spokesman said that the new Chinese Government would probably be established before the Yangtse is re-opened, and American and other nations should deal with the Chinese regime.

Pressed by correspondents, the spokesman said that recognition of the new regime was not necessary for the re-opening of the river. Whether the re-opening is made before or after the formation of the new regime, regulations will be set up by the Japanese.

Referring to the reports that Mr. Horinouchi at an interview attributed the final word in China affairs to the Army, the spokesman said this seems improbable, but he refused to discuss the matter in detail.—United Press.

#### Shanghai Comment

Shanghai, Dec. 27. Commenting editorially on the report from Washington that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horinouchi, had stated that the Japanese Government cannot make concessions to America for the purpose of effecting a new trade treaty without consulting the Japanese military authorities in China, the China Press, American daily, states, "This is the first time that the Japanese Government has told the world that it is really the Japanese military authorities who are ruling Japan."

"Is the desire to be friendly with the United States the desire of the Japanese Government or the military authorities in China?" the paper asks.

"Is it of lasting value for the United States to conclude a new treaty with Tokyo when the military authorities in China can at any moment upset the agreement by withdrawing approval and support?"

"The power of the military authorities was fully demonstrated in the Tientsin incident and the failure of the Tokyo conference when the representative of the Japanese Army in North China walked out in a huff. The same pattern of events may happen in regard to the American-Japanese negotiations."

"Mr. Horinouchi's candid statement was merely prepared for the mental outlook of the American Government and people."—Reuter.

#### Demands Increasing

Tientsin, Dec. 27. A Japanese spokesman stated to-day that passive neutrality on the part of third Powers, cessation of assistance to Chiang Kai-shek and also the conclusion of a new Japanese-American treaty, will be insufficient to lift the barriers. Therefore active co-operation with the Japanese to es-

#### Tokyo Cabinet Crisis

## URGED TO RESIGN BY LEADERS

The House of Peers met in a plenary session this morning. Prince Sanetaka Ichijo, Koyohji, moved measures expressing condolences with the war dead and gratitude to the officers and men in action, which were unanimously passed.

The War Minister, General Hata, pointed out that the achievements of the Japanese Army on the Continent should first be attributed to the august virtues of the Emperor, but they have also been greatly encouraged by the firm support of the people at home.

He assured the House that, at the moment when the situation is growing in gravity, the officers and men at the frontlines would not fail to redouble their efforts.

The Minister of the Navy, Admiral Yoshida, pointed out that the Navy is now continuing vigorous activity in co-operation with the Army.

The Speaker then announced that the House had finished its business for the end of this year and that the House would adjourn until the beginning of next year.—Domet.

#### Non-Confidence Resolution

Tokyo, Dec. 27. Agitation for the resignation of the Government has started by Japanese political parties.

At a private conference 250 members of the Lower House yesterday passed a resolution that the Cabinet should consider the question of resigning before the resumption of the Diet session on January 21.

Members of five political parties attended the meeting which was played up in most newspapers this morning.

The Kokumin Shimbun bluntly declares that sentiment among political parties is that the Cabinet has forfeited the confidence of the nation because of the many blunders. This sentiment, it adds, will intensify.

### Mr. Vereker Now Free

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Information has reached London that Mr. George Gordon Vereker, Acting Counselor at the British Embassy in Moscow, who was taken prisoner by the Germans in the Baltic, has been released.

Mr. Vereker was on the way to England via Tallinn and Stockholm when his ship was intercepted and taken to Swinemund where he was taken off.

### SOLDIERS' COMFORTS

By courtesy of the Blue Funnel Line, 14 cases of supplies will be sent to England by the next steamer by the B.W.O.F. The materials were purchased from public donations to the fund.

The contents of the cases are: Hospital supplies—3,000 bandages, 176 sheets and towels, 8,595 swabs, 752 dressings, 242 operating coats, 270 pairs hospital socks.

Army Comforts—200 pullovers, 310 scarves, 44 Balclava helmets, 108 pairs mittens, 318 pairs socks.

The hospital supplies are being sent to the British Red Cross and knitted articles to the Officer in Charge, Army Comforts.

Establish the new order in East Asia was essential.—United Press.

#### Philippines Views

Manila, Dec. 27. The Manila Daily Bulletin, referring to the Ambassador's Press interview in Washington, in which he stated that a new Japanese-American trade treaty would have to be approved first by the Japanese military officials in China, says the Japanese Ambassador "came previously close to admitting that there are two Japanese governments with which to deal; firstly, the military administration in China and, secondly, the civil or diplomatic administration at Tokyo."

The newspaper says if Mr. Horinouchi did not mean to be understood to say the Japanese Army is an authority in itself, "if he did not mean to accord it a status different from that which the Army ordinarily has, then we should be forced to the conclusion that his statement, intended as building an excuse in advance for any delay, an excuse that could be used when and if it becomes necessary to ask for time out."

#### Baguio Conference

Manila, Dec. 27. Leading American officials in the Far East now visiting in the Philippines, including Mr. Francis B. Sayre, the High Commissioner in the Philippines, Admiral Charles Hart, the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, and Mr. C. E. Gauss, the Consul-General at Shanghai, met in another conference at Baguio on Tuesday.

Mr. Gauss, the Consul-General at Shanghai, will sail from here en route back to Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon aboard the President Pierce.—Domet.

The Yomiuri Shimbun says: "A storm is bound to break out in the Diet. Opposition to the Government may reach fever pitch at which the Government may find itself fatally stricken."

The movement, according to the Asahi Shimbun, is not engineered by political schemers, but has automatically grown out of actual visits paid by Diet members to their constituents, when they saw actual conditions.—Reuter.

#### Abe Given Active

Tokyo, Dec. 27. While some political circles assert that the prospect of the Cabinet weathering the current Diet session has considerably improved as the result of Premier Abe's recent efforts to strengthen his Ministry, about 250 Diet members representing all political parties voted a resolution of non-confidence in the present Cabinet at an informal rally on Tuesday afternoon.

The resolution urges the Cabinet to take "serious consideration to the question of whether it should remain in power or not" in view of its grave obligations to give their advice to the Throne in regard to the conduct of State affairs.

Out of the total of 400 members of the Lower House, 250 met in an informal rally in the Diet building on Tuesday afternoon after the House finished the day's proceedings.

The resolution was presented to Premier Abe this morning by 10 representative M.P.s.

It is recalled that Premier Abe recently inaugurated a series of conversations with the leaders of political parties and was credited with having secured their support for the Administration.

Premier Abe this morning called on Mr. Kurahai Yuna, the Lord Keeper of Privy Seal, and remained closeted with the latter for about one hour.—Domet.

## RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN TO LAST TILL SPRING

### Moscow Silent in Face Of Damaging Reports Of Terrific Losses

The reports of huge Russian losses in the ineffective Finnish campaign continue uncontradicted. It is evident that with the defenders still occupying their main defences in the south, countering successfully in the east north of Lake Ladoga, and bitter weather forcing a stalemate in the north, an early conclusion of hostilities in favour of the Soviet is unlikely.

London, Dec. 27. Alarming and doubtless exaggerated reports are now beginning to circulate in Moscow and to gain credence in the absence of any official denials or details of what is taking place in Finland, states The Times Moscow correspondent.

These rumours from abroad put Red Army casualties at between 25,000 and 30,000 dead and between 30,000 and 40,000 wounded, frost-bitten, ill, captured or deserted. Figures of this kind do not represent a calamity for an army so large as the Red Army, but they lead to much talk which does not rebound to the credit of the regime. Reports from the Finnish war sectors must have done considerable damage to the prestige of the Soviet Union as a military Power.

The Soviet Government's policy of secrecy also prevents it from refuting the most recent reports of serious reverses in the east and north, even Finland, the only parts in which their troops had made progress.

The latest reports from Finland suggest that the Red Army may be unable to re-open the offensive with any hope of victory until the spring, by which time much may have happened to improve Finland's position. It cannot be doubted that the Soviet Government expected to liquidate Finland's resistance before the weather became severe, and their failure may have serious internal political repercussions.—Reuter.

#### Evacuating Viipuri

With Finnish Forces, Dec. 26. As a precaution, the Finnish authorities have ordered the immediate evacuation of all people who could be spared from the defence of Viipuri. A special train to-night is taking 4,000 evacuees. The previous evacuation brought the civilian population down to 7,000.

Soviet planes dropped ten bombs on Porvoo, 30 miles from Helsinki, killing nine and wounding twenty people. Only two of the bombs exploded.

The Russians in the isthmus yesterday attempted to cross the Unanto River at four points—Halttermas, Alkola, Kuila and Tolosus—but they were repulsed everywhere. Seven hundred Russians were killed and a total of 23 Russian planes were shot down. Five infantry guns, 10 machine guns and five quick-firing guns were captured.

Several tanks were also put out of commission and 50 prisoners were taken during the Christmas Day operations, when 20 additional tanks were destroyed. United Press.

Reuter says the long distance bombardment was concentrated on the central sector of the Mannerheim Line. It started on the evening of Christmas Day and continued all day yesterday at a rate of about 40 shells per hour.

#### Soviet Planes Active

Rovaniemi, Dec. 27. The Russians have driven back on the northern front. They have lost over 5,000 men taken prisoner, while the forests are filled with Russian reinforcements is reported.

A number of Finnish towns were again bombed by the Russians, and coming Helsinki messages, and the railway line continues to be the objective of the Soviet airman.

Viipuri has been the target for repeated air attacks. Many houses have been destroyed or set on fire.—Reuter.

#### Russians Fall Back

Uexda, Dec. 27. The Finnish northern headquarters officially report that on the Salla sector the Russians were thrown back 85 kilometres in three days' fighting.

It is officially estimated that 5,000 Russians were killed in 10 days' fighting.

At Petsamo the Russian advance is at a standstill. It is claimed that the Finnish troops have advanced several kilometres.

Some action is reported at Suomussalmi. Nothing new has occurred at the new Kusamoo front.

High military quarters estimate that the Russians have concentrated 300,000 men, or nearly 20 divisions, on the eastern frontier between the Arctic Ocean and Lake Ladoga. It is thought likely that the Finns will make a surprise attack in territory north of Lake Ladoga to relieve the pressure.—United Press.

#### Finns On Skates

With the Finnish Army, Kerella, Dec. 27. Using new methods, the Russians to-day resumed their attempt to crush through the left of the Mannerheim Line and obviously hope to make the whole of the main defence system untenable.

But the Finns weeks ago foresaw these tactics, for which they are now well prepared.

The Russians tried crossing the ice of the dividing lakes which hitherto have been cut by a narrow canal, but which during the last few days with the temperature at ten or fifteen below zero, have frozen over completely and are sufficiently strong to take broken up till now.

The Russians are attempting to thrust across the ice as various points on a thirty mile front on lake Suvanto. Their efforts have been broken up till now.

The open space of the lakes provides a clear target for artillery and machine-gun fire from the banks, from which the Finns are able to mow down the slowly moving Russian troops. Their artillery fire often broke the ice and drowned groups of attackers.

At Perijärvi for the first time the Finns put down their patrols on skates to enable them to glide silently across the ice, unseen in their white clothes, to harass the Russians at night. Almost every Finn skates efficiently.

Last night the Finns had the advantage. Low clouds prevented air attacks and the intense bombing of the past few days was not repeated. Lower temperatures promise snow, and the Finns are hoping the Russian efforts to cross the ice will be stopped, especially across the narrow chain of lakes along the left of the Mannerheim Line, where the Russian advances have cost them many killed and wounded.

The Moscow Radio claimed a few days ago that their total losses had been slight, while the Finnish losses totalled 2,200 dead and ten thousand wounded.

Finnish military authorities point out the well known military axiom that the attacker's losses are always far out of proportion to the defender's losses, and thus, if the Russians admit nearly nine thousand casualties, the correct toll must be many times higher.

This is especially true, they say, in such difficult terrain where the defenders have all the advantages.—United Press.

### Astonishing Customs Figures

#### Favourable Balance For "Free China"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Customs returns and figures for the first three quarters of 1939, both for "Free China" and the occupied areas, were published in the Bank of China's "Financial Review" to-day.

According to these statistics, Customs in "Free China" registered a favourable international balance of \$53,045,000 (national dollars) while the figures for the occupied areas, including the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon, show an unfavourable foreign balance of \$405,115,000.

The adverse balance of international payments in the Customs under Japanese occupation amounted to \$269,173,000 while that in the parts of Shanghai and Kowloon, which suffered more or less from Japanese interference, was estimated at \$155,942,000.

CHUNGKING'S ADVERSE BALANCE. Chungking shows an adverse balance of \$1,533,000 while Peking and Mongtze both record favourable balances of over \$13,000,000.

Wenchow has a favourable balance of over \$8,000,000 while Tientsin shows an adverse balance of nearly \$200,000,000 "owing to the large imports of Japanese goods into North China."

Chingchow, Chinwangtao and Chefoo show adverse balances of \$45,000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 respectively.

Smuggling Problem. CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—In an attempt to halt the smuggling of goods into "Free China" from the occupied areas, the Chinese Government has decided to establish special inspection offices to keep a careful check on all goods entering the war area, it is announced here to-day.

During the past year, large amounts of Japanese goods are said to have been smuggled into "Free China," particularly through Hankow via Chang.

It is alleged that the Japanese authorities are giving facilities to smugglers for the transit of goods up the river from Hankow for transshipment into Szechuen Province.

Large-scale smuggling is said to be depriving the Chinese Government of considerable revenue and enabling the Japanese to push the sale of their goods in China.

### Nazi Raider Over Essex

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Reuter).—An unidentified plane flew over a number of towns in Essex to-day, while two other planes were sighted over the Sussex coast.

There was no air raid warning and there was no gunfire heard. The first plane was seen coming in from the North Sea near the Thames Estuary, flying at a great height and hardly visible to the naked eye. It left a thin trail of white smoke.

A few minutes later it was seen over another Essex town flying towards the coast.

It is thought by observers on the coast to have been a German reconnaissance plane.

### Horse-Sense For B.E.F.

#### Indian Mules Going To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Mules from India are now joining the B.E.F. in France, proving again that no war or military operations can safely be conducted without mules, writes "Reuter's" military correspondent.

The mule will retain his indispensability whatever the circumstances. It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles. He was unequalled for pack-carrying across country when shell-fire had made the roads impassable.

"Old Soldiers"

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with army guns in the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns of Razmak or Wana.

Accompanied by the mule, transport columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations.

Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again.

### Mexican Oil Control

#### President Cardenas' Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Government has approved the law drafted by President Cardenas which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans with certain qualifications, from exploiting oil.

The law also abolishes oil royalties paid to landowners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through oil working.

Mexicans excepted under this law, must be financially, technically, morally and physically capable of carrying out the work of exploitation.

The battle continues. It is claimed that eight tanks were destroyed in the Karelian isthmus and eight were captured in other parts of the front.

The Russian air attacks, on the whole, have caused insignificant damage to military objectives but several civilians were killed and wounded.

Official Communiqué. HELSINKI, Dec. 27 (UP).—The official Finnish communiqué states that the Russians yesterday launched an attack at noon north of Lake Ladoga but were repulsed.

The Russians are still trying to cross the Suvanto River.

A further Russian attack along the Tangle River was repulsed, the communiqué claims.

To the northeast of Licksa the enemy are retreating to the frontier in the direction of Divisara, where the Finns are advancing.

In yesterday's air raids on South Finland, four civilians were killed and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not been stated.

Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Ladoga where an enemy attack was repulsed.

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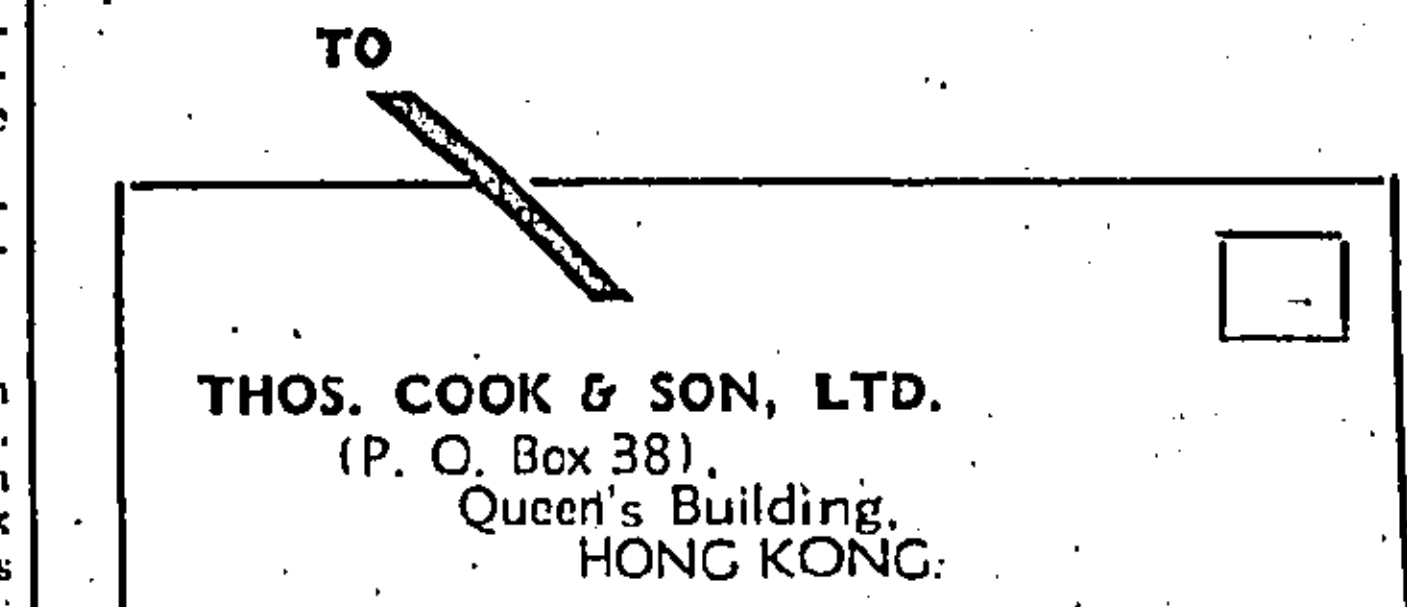
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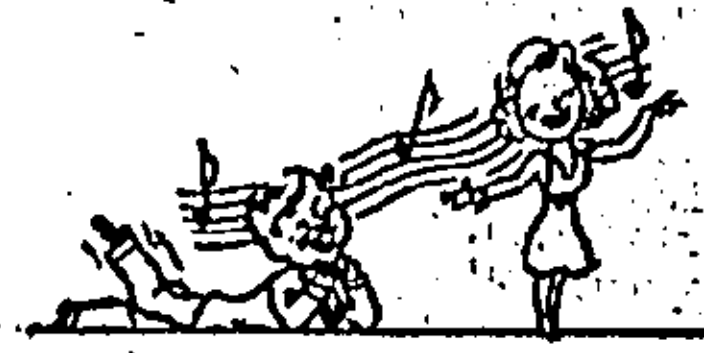
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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

## NEW KHALSA SIKH XI IN ACTION

### Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers' Test On Sunday Next

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett put in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave a useful display, with more experience she gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second half than in the first.

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a grueling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, as a kicking back, saved the side from a heavy defeat. However, the defence with Miss I. Woolley, Miss P. Everest and Mrs. Wilkott, fought gamely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y" forwards were broken up.

Mrs. M. White, who has only just returned from a holiday in England, revealed fine stick-work at centre-forward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack. Mrs. Quick, the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will certainly be of great value as leader of the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

IN a junior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground, Argonauta and C.B.A. played a drawn game. C.B.A. fielded a depleted team, and Mendonca of La Salle College appeared for the home team in goal. The Portuguese were the better porters and had it not been for Mendonca in goal, would have won comfortably.

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did due work. Miss N. Silva, at centre-half, was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being highly instructive.

C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor account of themselves. Aimless hitting, many stoppages for minor infringements, and far too much talking, in which Miss J. Felshaw was the chief sinner, were the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back, however, played a strong game, and Miss J. Crawford was always a trier in the attack.

Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration, and should the C.B.A. ladies hope to improve by staging these so-called friendly games, there must be greater attention paid to a definite plan if improvement is to be brought about.

IN a Tournament game played on their home ground last Sunday morning, Recreio beat

### United Services Soccer XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehan (Middlesex), Freshwater (Middlesex), Layl (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Phippens (Navy), Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), Duffield (R.A.O.C.), Reserves—Moxham (R.E.), Handy (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.), Pearson (Middlesex).

Nomads 2-0. Though they deserved to get home in a keen game, the Recs had to go all out, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

N. Beltrac scored two splendid goals in the first half, in which the winners, led by the speedy B. Gosano, did most of the attacking. And when they got into their stride they were aggressive.

W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower of strength, and kept too brief a check on his younger brothers in the opposite attack. Tony Alves, the left half, also played well up to form, with young Z. Gosano taking the lion's share in the last line of defence. He covered his brother, "Old Doc" splendidly—the latter on occasions suffered from lack of oxygen!

The Recs showed fine combination, and should the team maintain last Sunday's form, there are very few teams left in the Tournament to defeat them.

Nomads, in the second half, predominated territorially, whilst in the first half Soares, their goal-keeper, was the outstanding player. The defence were inclined to get flustered when pressed, and a little more coolness and covering would perhaps have kept the score down. Beyond this, the defence played well, with R. J. Reed sharing many a keen tussle with his brother "W.A."

The return of S. A. Reed to the attack improved matters considerably, but again, the forwards in

### Rugby Football

## CLUB "A"-POLICE DRAW



L/Bdr. Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. Waite. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attendance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup—Ming Yuen.

### Try Scored In Last Five Minutes

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY EVENING on the Club ground, the Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back than the stand-off halves through slow heeling and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordinarily well in foot rushes, and gave Thomson no time in which to get the ball out to Charter. The result being that Charter had either to make a swift kick to touch or break away on his own.

Luscombe, at the base of the scrum for Police, was likewise embarrassed, and when he did pass out Leslie had difficulty in holding his wild passes. Taylor, on the Police wing, was seldom in action, and generally found himself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

### POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on Club's left wing more than Lavalle. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good passes. Reynold, of Police and opposite Van Leeuwen, although seldom seen in attack, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen in check.

In the lineouts Stout did well for Club, and had more success than Dempsey. Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick heel.

In the set scrums, Salter hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hard-working Police pack prevented a quick clean heel.

Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in instigating wheels.

### SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the kick.

In the closing minutes of the game, from a loose scrum on the Club line, Dempsey dived over to score after he had smuggled the ball from A. Taylor, of the Club. Wall just failed to convert from mid-way out.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club—A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalle, A. J. G. Taylor, C. F. Needham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; P. E. Wanklyn, E. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; B. Hynes, R. G. Castleton; W. Burford, A. Benn and W. Stoker.

Police—Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Searle, Rose; Cullinan, Innes, Lewis, Dempsey and Riddell.

### Navy "A" 9 R.A.M.C. 5

AFTER BEING in arrears at the interval, the Navy "A" beat the Royal Army Medical Corps by 9 points (three tries) to five (a goal) at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Lt. Bax, at full-back, Mid. Teare, at centre-threequarter, and Mid. O'Riordan and Sto. Gallagher, the halves, were the pick of the Navy side, Gallagher being outstanding in his tackling and efforts to get his threequarters away.

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul and Lt. Bax. He also added the goal points.

The second half was very much a repetition of the first, although Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mne. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Navy back-division, gave them their second try, but failed to add the goal-points, and in the closing stages Navy placed the issue beyond doubt when Mid. O'Riordan scored an unconverted try near the corner flag.

## Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war had not caused the cancellation of the St. Leger he would probably have been one of the few triple crown winners.

He had already won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the Eclipse Stakes.

Blue Peter won most of the stake money brought to his owner, whose total was £38,464 with his horses in fourteen races.

And he gave both Lord Rosebery and Jack Jarvis their first Derby victory.

Horses under the care of Jack Jarvis won £50,219, and he finished the season more than £20,000 in front of J. Lawson, his nearest rival.

The Aga Khan had his worst season since 1925, for his horses won only ten races worth £10,707.

Next best to Lord Rosebery was Lord Derby, whose horses won twenty-four races worth £22,275, and then Lord Glanely, who won £19,187 in twenty-four races.

For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became the champion jockey, with 155 winners.

He has ridden 2,586 winners during his career, and is only 100 behind Fred Archer's full total.

A totalisator record was set up. The takings on the Derby, £20,008, were a record for any one race.

### Diocesan Boys Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs.

La Salle College scored only 18 (L. D'Almada 3, Burch four for two, White three for two), while Diocesan Boys totalled 52 (Macaulay 34, Arculli five for 10, L. D'Almada five for 29).

General lacked attacking skill. P. Rull and B. Xavier, however, formed a most dangerous combination. Play was fast and interesting—the Nomads were again beaten by better forwards.

THE new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action for the first time last Sunday when they defeated a weak C.B.A. team 1-0. Several well-known players from the Radio, Police and Army are included in the team, and once this new combination gets going they should give a very good account of themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and though they were hard-pressed, V. Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler were always in the picture.

NEXT Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on their home ground, at Sookunpoo, the Royal Engineers will be given their first severe test in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, when they meet the Radio and Postal Sports Club, who are the present champions.

Carier, I believe, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he has now fully recovered from his knee operation.

The Sappers possess the best record to date, but they will have to give of their best if they hope to subdue the champions.

The game should be interesting and worth watching.

### Polish Tennis Star Now A Waitress

A REPORT from Warsaw that Mile. Jadwiga Jedrzewska, Poland's leading lawn tennis player, and a number of other prominent Polish sportsmen and women, are working as waitresses in restaurants.

Mile. Jedrzewska was London grass-court champion, and a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, when she was beaten by Miss Round.

Fears had been expressed for the safety of Mile. Jedrzewska. She was in Warsaw a week before the German invasion, and it was believed that she was still there when the city was bombed and shelled.

## Stooges Win R.A. Polo Final

THE STOOGES beat the World Workers by 4-2 in the final of the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Competition yesterday at Boundary Street.

Mrs. Peters, wife of Commodore A. M. Peters, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

The World Workers opened in overwhelming style, and inside seven minutes had scored twice through Lewis and Bousfield.

It was not until near the end of the first chukker that the Stooges reduced the score to 2-1.

Some little while after the commencement of the second chukker, Colson levelled the scores with a brilliant backhand shot.

The Stooges took the lead in the third chukker through Nicholson, and though several great efforts were made by the World Workers to draw level again, the fourth and deciding goal came during the final chukker, when Nicholson scored again.

The teams were: Stooges—Major R. J. L. Pasfield, Lt. P. Nicholson, Capt. A. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith.

World Workers—Lt. A. Lewis, J. K. Bousfield, Major R. W. Whitehead (two chukkers), Major W. Way and Commodore A. M. Peters.

### H.K.C.C. 2nd XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Rowleyn C.C. on Saturday at Rowleyn:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. K. Bishop, N. I. Baker, A. Dow, J. Mackay, J. Mackay, D. O. Parsons, R. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb, W. Stokes, T. M. Sutter.

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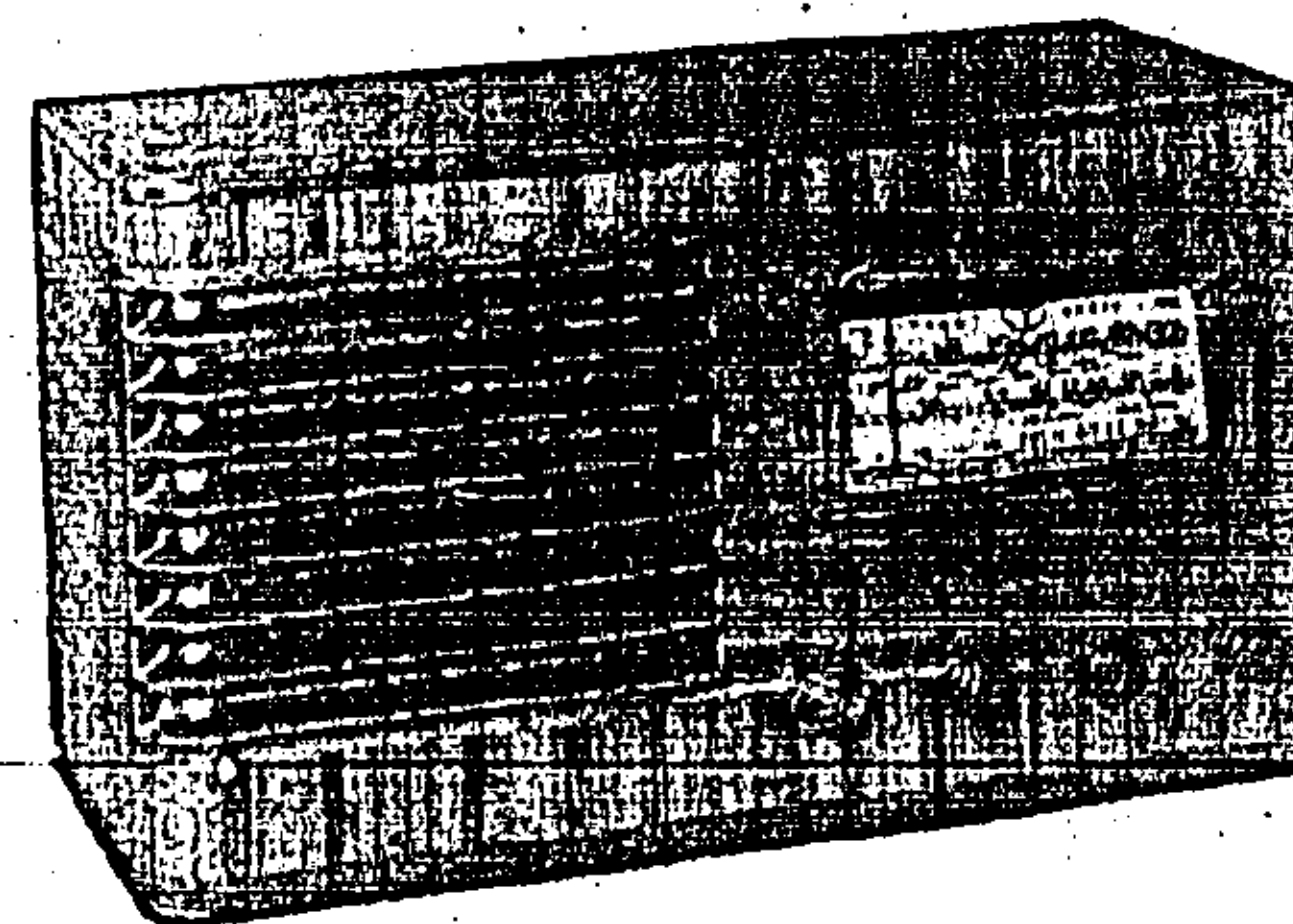
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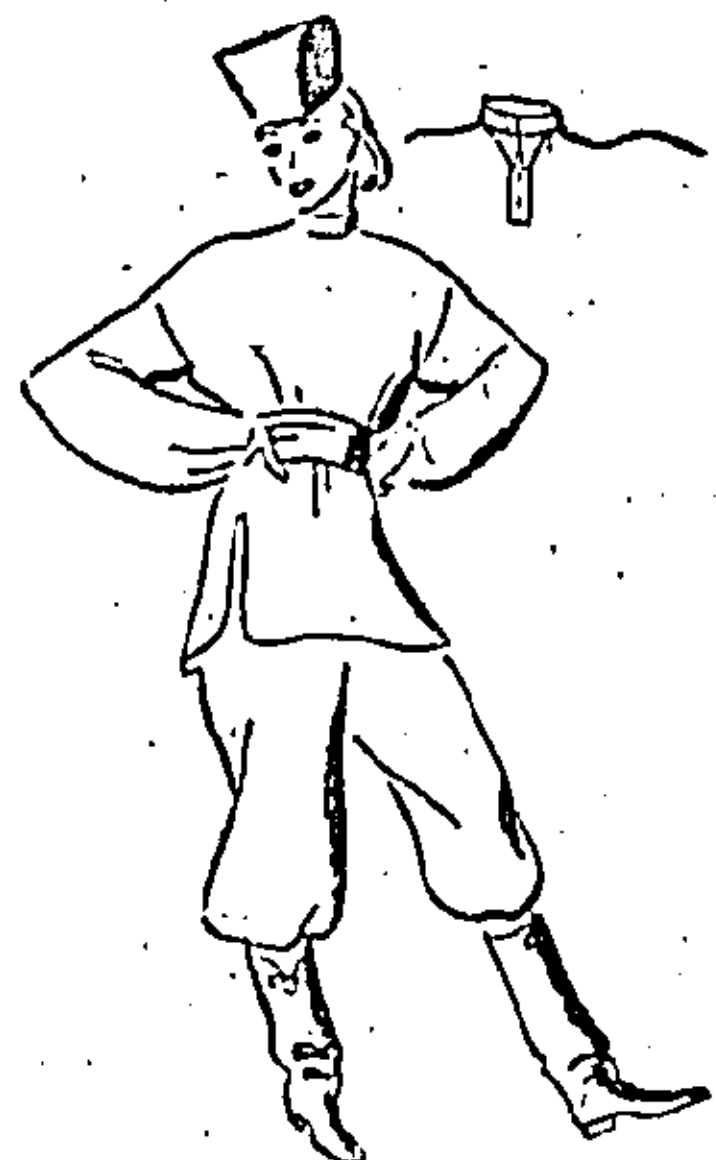
Arab Sheikh

FIRST essential of most  
New Year's Eve parties is  
fancy dress. For the benefit of  
anyone who has neglected to  
make preparations beforehand,  
here are four original and quite  
creditable ideas for dressing up.

Everything necessary for each  
costume can be found in the  
average household.

The handsome Sheikh has his  
face stained brown (sun-tan  
make-up or a weak solution of  
iodine), and a black wool or  
burnt-cork beard.

His costume is a towelling  
bath-robe or dressing-gown,  
sashed with any vivid scarf.



Equally effective for either  
sex: Russian costume.

Head-dress is a sheet secured  
round the head with heavy cord  
and wrapped round the neck.  
Another sheet or a blanket or  
rug makes the cloak.

He wears beach sandals or  
bedroom slippers on bare feet.

A young and slender girl will  
plan her Bridge Table costume  
as illustrated. Owners of less  
lovely limbs will prefer a full-  
length skirt. In the former  
case a black jumper, in the latter  
a plain black dress is the basis,  
and it is sewn with cards, the  
various suits cut out in felt, and  
(if available) pierced coins.

The apron, a piece of green baize  
as used for cutlery canteens, is  
similarly decorated.

Cards are attached to a plain  
headband for the crown and  
bridge-markers are hung from  
the waist.

The Surrealist costume (a  
similar one can easily be devised



Bridge Table costume.  
Suitable for the young  
idea.

for a man) is capable of varia-  
tion according to individual  
fancy.

It is suggested that the head  
be draped with black or white  
material surmounted by a lamp-  
shade frame trimmed with arti-  
ficial flowers or paper chains.

Another wreath adorns the neck.  
A sheet makes an effective  
"cape" over a plain black even-  
ing dress.

From the cord girdle hang an  
assortment of things (or card-  
board cut-outs; these should



Striking Surrealist dress  
for a woman.

include at least one shoe, its heel  
decorated with a cutlet frill.

Stitch to the dress newspaper  
pictures or shapes cut from felt,  
including a large "mouth" on  
the bodice. Wear, if you can  
find them, black cotton gloves.

The Russian costume (good  
for either sex) is effective if it  
is done like this. Wear a man's  
white tennis shirt back to front;  
the collar should be stitched to-  
gether and the points removed;  
the tails are cut level.

The shirt should blouse slight-  
ly over a vivid sash, preferably  
red. Choose wide trousers  
(pyjama), and tuck them into  
Russian, Wellington or riding  
boots. The hat is easily made  
with a cylinder of cardboard  
made to fit the head and covered  
with black or white fur, cloth  
or felt.

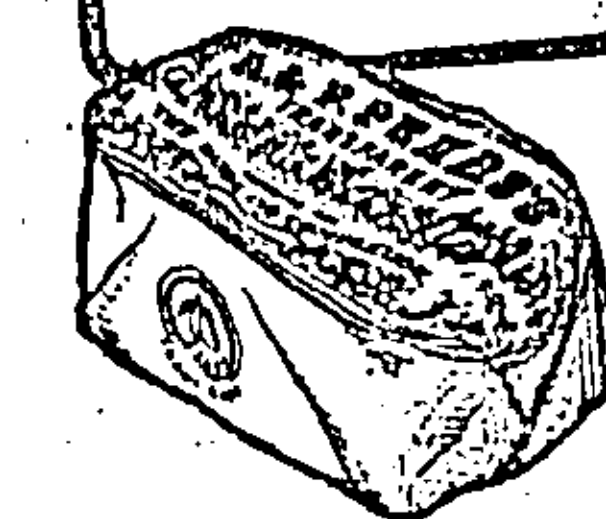


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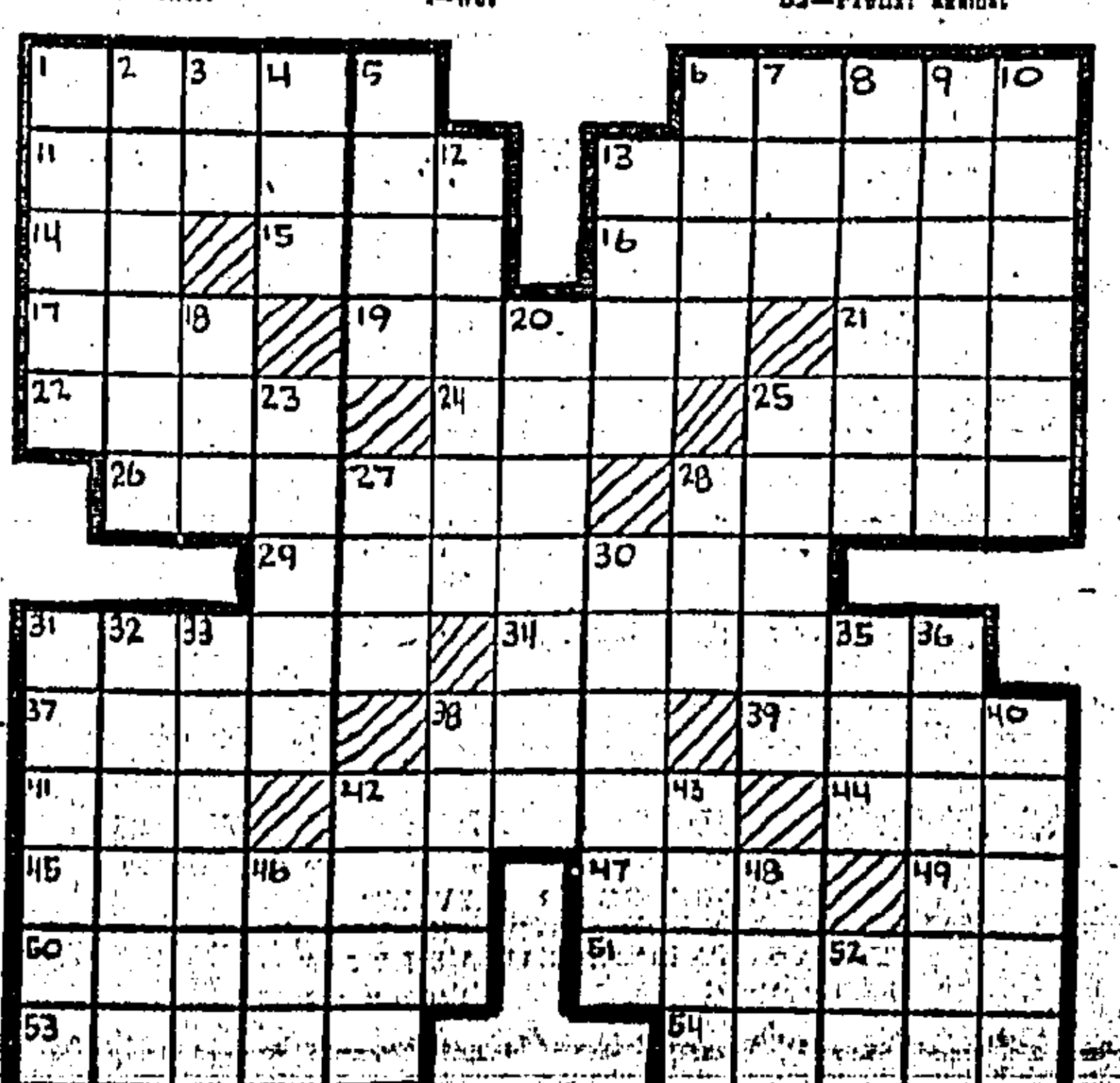
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Indication
- 6—Bunch of straw
- 11—Attracts
- 12—Vulgar
- 13—You and me
- 14—To the right
- 15—Hearty
- 16—Body of water
- 17—Piece of furniture
- 21—Detecting exclamation
- 22—Home navigator
- 23—Bail
- 24—Breadful
- 25—Heptagon
- 26—Kind of race-horse
- 27—Life-size statue
- 28—Late of going work
- 31—Trousers
- 32—Dry
- 33—Tough
- 34—Valuable metal
- 35—Amount of radiation
- 36—Linen
- 37—More heated
- 38—Part of face
- 39—Nasty paralytic
- 40—Liquor of fall
- 41—London street

DOWN

- 2—Put in
- 3—Find name of
- 4—Limb
- 5—Stand
- 7—Part of pig
- 8—Amorous
- 9—Make certain
- 10—Shedding
- 12—Part of year
- 13—Battle
- 14—Atmosphere
- 15—Tracings
- 16—Landed
- 17—Grand index
- 18—Footed wheel
- 19—Animal's foot
- 20—Footed wheel
- 21—Bird
- 22—Dining bird
- 23—Faded
- 24—Vermilion
- 25—Remark
- 26—Large beetle
- 27—Tents apart
- 28—Lairs
- 29—Takes seat
- 30—Blind
- 31—Professional (foot)
- 32—Prettiest



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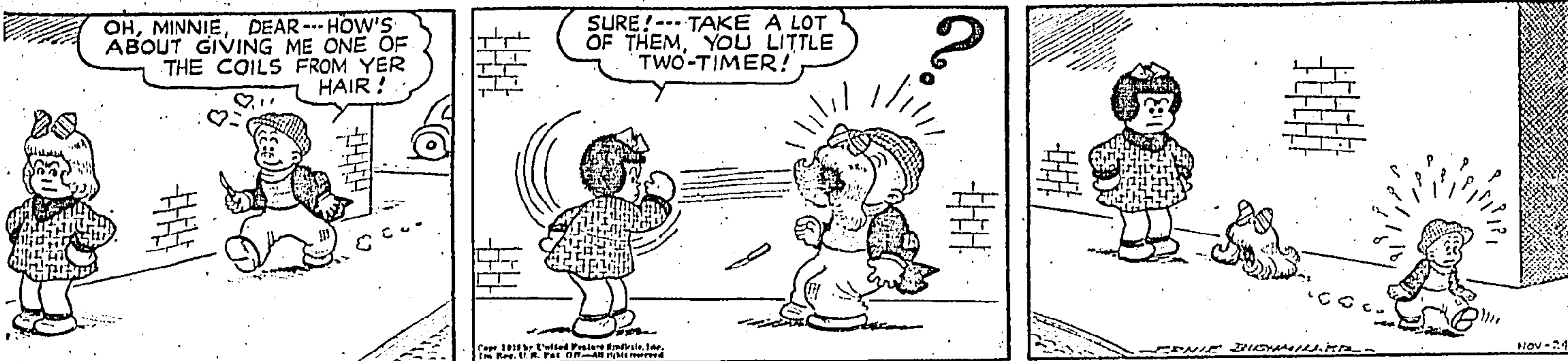
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# NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1889.  
Bright and clear, if seasonably chilly, was Xmas Day in this "chief gem of Britannia's crown," as Sir James called Hongkong. And, we venture to think, in no place in England's dominions was it more thoroughly enjoyed--at any rate by the European population, from His Excellency down even to the brooking element. Every hotel, shop, club and private house was duly decorated, though in the matter of a little cheer every clime contributed. From Shanghai wild-duck and game, generally to tropical fruits from the Philippines, whilst our friends in Queen's Road supplied probably many more luxuries than the majority of residents here would have revealed in the good old country. The Berlin Foundling Home was as happy as ever, Pastor and Mrs. Hartmann having many willing assistants, and there was the usual well-laden Christmas tree. The guardians of our peace had their accustomed "good time" at the various stations. At the Central the decorations were exceedingly tasteful, the next room being gay with flags and appropriate mottoes.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1914.  
The "Temps" declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively pursued for the armed intervention of the Japanese Army in Europe.

A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Mail," to the following views as to the probable duration of the war, his estimate being based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.

He divides the war into six periods--two past, one present and three to come. The first period was the advance through Belgium into France. The second period was the Battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne. The third period is that of the fighting on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle for Ypres. The fourth and fifth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Rhine. The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.

He estimates that the battle for Ypres will not completely end before the beginning of December. He assigns a period of five months to the Battle of the Marne, and April or the beginning of May, 1916, the campaign on the Rhine should last nearly twice as long--that is to say, until February, 1917.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1929.  
The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference, headed by the ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at Southampton from New York aboard the a.s. Olympic, which flew the Japanese flag at the foremast. The delegation was greeted by the Mayor.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: On reopening after the holidays the market displayed a welcome degree of steadiness.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1345
Docks	\$1970
Providents	\$412
Yamati Ferries	\$2334
Cements	\$16.60
Watsons	\$8.80
Entertainments	\$6.80
Constructions (old)	\$134
Sellers	
Union Ins.	\$425
Docks	\$1914/70
Tramways	\$17
Electric	\$5234
Manila Gold Shares	
Atokos	20 s
Antamok	10 1/2 s
Dagui Gold	17 s
Batong Buhay	0 1/2 s
Big Wells	24 s
Coco Grove	17 s
Con. Mines	0035 s
Demonstration	11 1/2 s
East Mindanao	11 s
I.X.L.	42 s
Ipo Gold	14 1/2 s
Rogon Mining	32 s
Mambulao Con.	12 s
Manila Con.	02 s
Mind. Motherlode	09 1/2 s
Mine Operation	11 1/2 s
North Camarines	10 1/2 s
Paracale Gumbas	10 1/2 s
San Maurice	80 s
Surgido Con.	20 s
Suyoc Con.	15 1/2 s
Syndicate Inv.	026 s
United Paracale	35 s
Benquet Con.	5.65 s

### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1934.  
An admission that Menel's Nazi Storm Troop detachment, together with the Prussian Storm Troop detachments, had plotted to seize Menel by violence and to take into the German Reich this very day, was made by one of the 126 accused today, a man named Molinuss.

The 126 accused are all Nazis, court-martialed in December 14, for plotting to seize Menel and to murder certain "traitors." Seven of these "traitors," all of them loyal Lithuanian Government servants, were murdered. Some of the accused face murder charges also.

Molinuss pleaded guilty from the beginning. He said to have declared that two Menel Nazi organizations had close relationship with the German Consul-General in Menel; and that Dr. Ernst Gutmann, leader of the Nazi party in Menel, was appointed Her Hitler's deputy for the section.

The Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, stationed on the outskirts of Saarbrücken, today carried out their first long route march.

The cheerful and friendly demeanour of the men, and their disciplined bearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The same frontiers were closed today and until after the Pacific only those foreigners will be admitted to the territory whose passports have been specially viced.

## Canon Says "Ragging was a Disgrace to College"

# VARSIITY MEN 'DEBAG' CONCHIE

But it had 'nothing to do with his views'

MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY students ragged twenty-one-year-old James Hurst. They "debagged" him. But they deny that they did it because he is a conscientious objector.

When Mr. Hurst, son of a busy clergyman, was registered as a conscientious objector, his god-father, Canon Peter Green, chaplain to the King, supported the application.

Canon Green said: "Hurst has endured persecution for his outlook among the students. There has been vulgar ragging which was a disgrace to any college."

Mr. C. E. Jones, a student, has written to Canon Green on behalf of the University Faculty Technology Union saying, "Hurst was 'debagged,' but it occurred because he insisted on interrupting a lecture. It had no bearing on his moral views."

"If it is that occurrence to which you refer as 'vulgar ragging,' which was a disgrace to any college, I feel that such emphasis on what was a very minor incident is most unfair to other students."

"At no time has he been persecuted for his outlook, either moral or political, and any ragging which might have occurred has been no more than might be expected by any student."

### Trousers Returned

This is what they said:--  
MR. JONES: Hurst was "debagged" by six students. His trousers were handed back to him immediately.

MR. HURST: I was only "debagged" once. It does not happen often in the college I wish it had not been brought up. I would rather not say anything about personal ragging, except that it is not fair instance after a lecture.

CANON GREEN: I've had the union letter, but I still stand by what I said in court. Hurst was left in a corridor without his trousers. That sort of thing isn't done. It's un-English and a "little too Nazi."

Mr. Hurst, an electrical engineering student, living in Dalton Hall, Manchester, has had an anonymous letter since his appearance before the tribunal. He said: "I threw it away. It's all best forgotten."

## Will Hitler meet the ex-Kaiser?

WILL Hitler meet the ex-Kaiser in Holland? Eight in the path of the Nazi armies, should they march to seize the Dutch ports, lies the Castle of Doorn. There the last German Dictator spends his exile years.

## Secret bride inherits a fortune

CAPTAIN EDMUND BUTLER CHARTERIS, who shot himself in his flat in Arlington House, Piccadilly, last July, two months after his secret marriage to his second wife, has left her almost all of his £143,000 fortune.

Mrs. Charteris, famous among socialites for her smart clothes and dark, Spanish-type beauty, was thirty-four when she married Captain Charteris. He was sixty-eight, had been living in a bachelor apartment with a housekeeper to look after him for seventeen years since his first marriage was dissolved.

For a month after his secret wedding he continued to live as a bachelor, going as usual to his work at the War Office, where he was private secretary to Sir Herbert Greedy, Under-Secretary of State.

Then he moved into the flat in Arlington House with his wife. A month later he was found shot. His will, published last week, shows that he left £143,260. He appointed settlement funds in favour of his wife during her life, left a few annuities to his servants and the rest of his money to his wife, on trust, for life.

## Air Force blue is fashion tip

AIR FORCE blue is helping to keep wartime fashions gay. For women, believing in the psychological value of bright, clothes, are making a stand against drabness.

Black-and-white will strike a contrasting note, and will be widely worn, but colours generally will be hardly less sober than in peace-time.

Dinner gowns will have long sleeves and high necks. Both have been decreed for warmth in case heating of halls and rooms is restricted. Velvet and wool will be popular evening dress materials.

Although day skirts will be slightly shorter, there will be no shortening or narrowing of evening dress skirts merely to save material.

Guy notes will be provided by embroidery, sequins and beads.

Hats will have a slightly military air, some models being based on the R.A.F. cap.

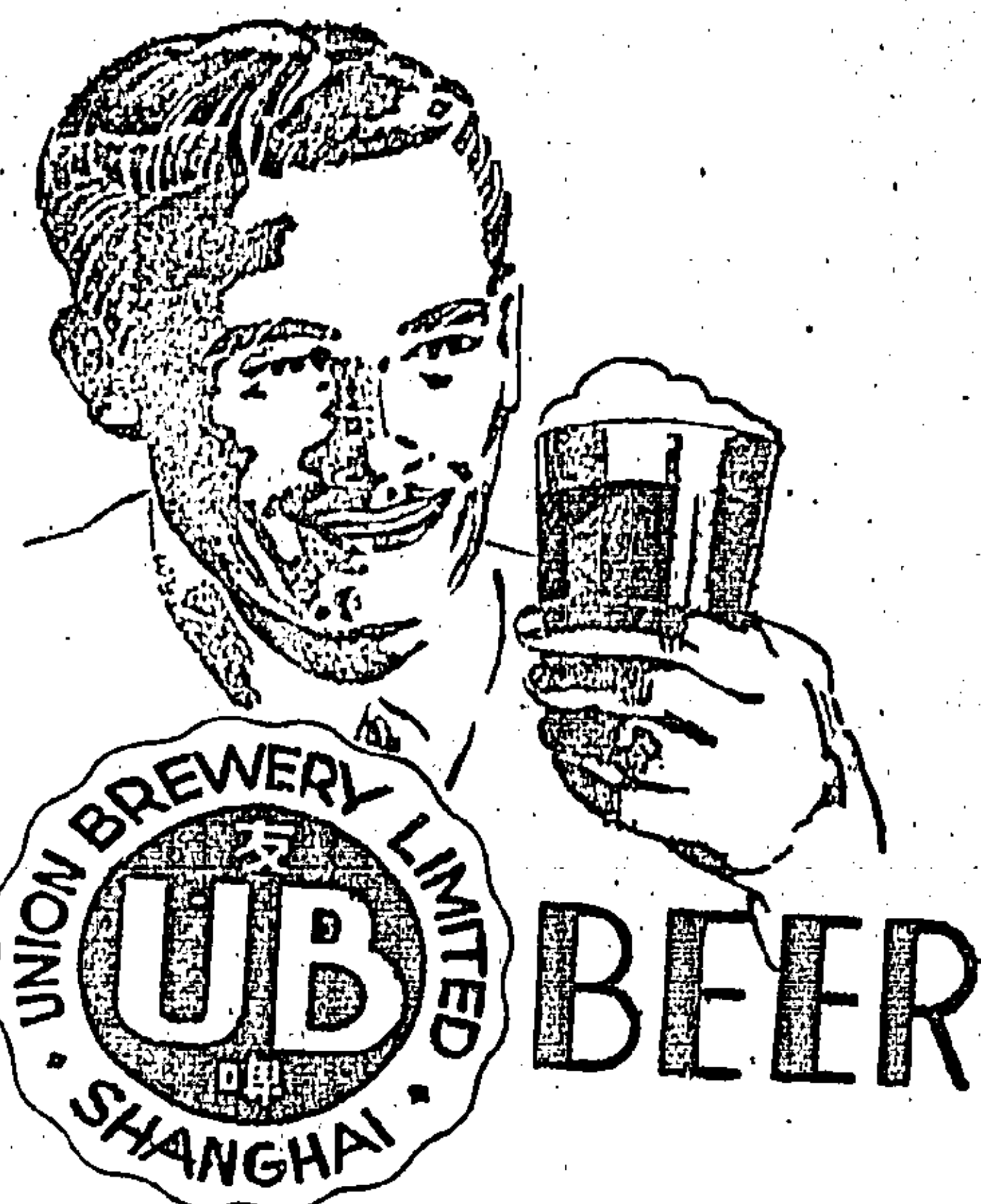
These forecasts of wartime fashions were given recently by Mr. Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, who has offered his services to the Government in the camouflage section.

## Decree Against Peer's Daughter

A divorce decree was granted in the Edinburgh Court of Session to Mr. John Tennant, forty-year-old son of the late Mr. H. J. Tennant, a former Secretary for Scotland and a brother of the Countess of Oxford and Asquith.

He alleged misconduct by his wife, the Hon. Antonia Mary Roby Benson or Tennant with Mr. Cyril Radcliffe, a barrister, of Weymouth-street, W.

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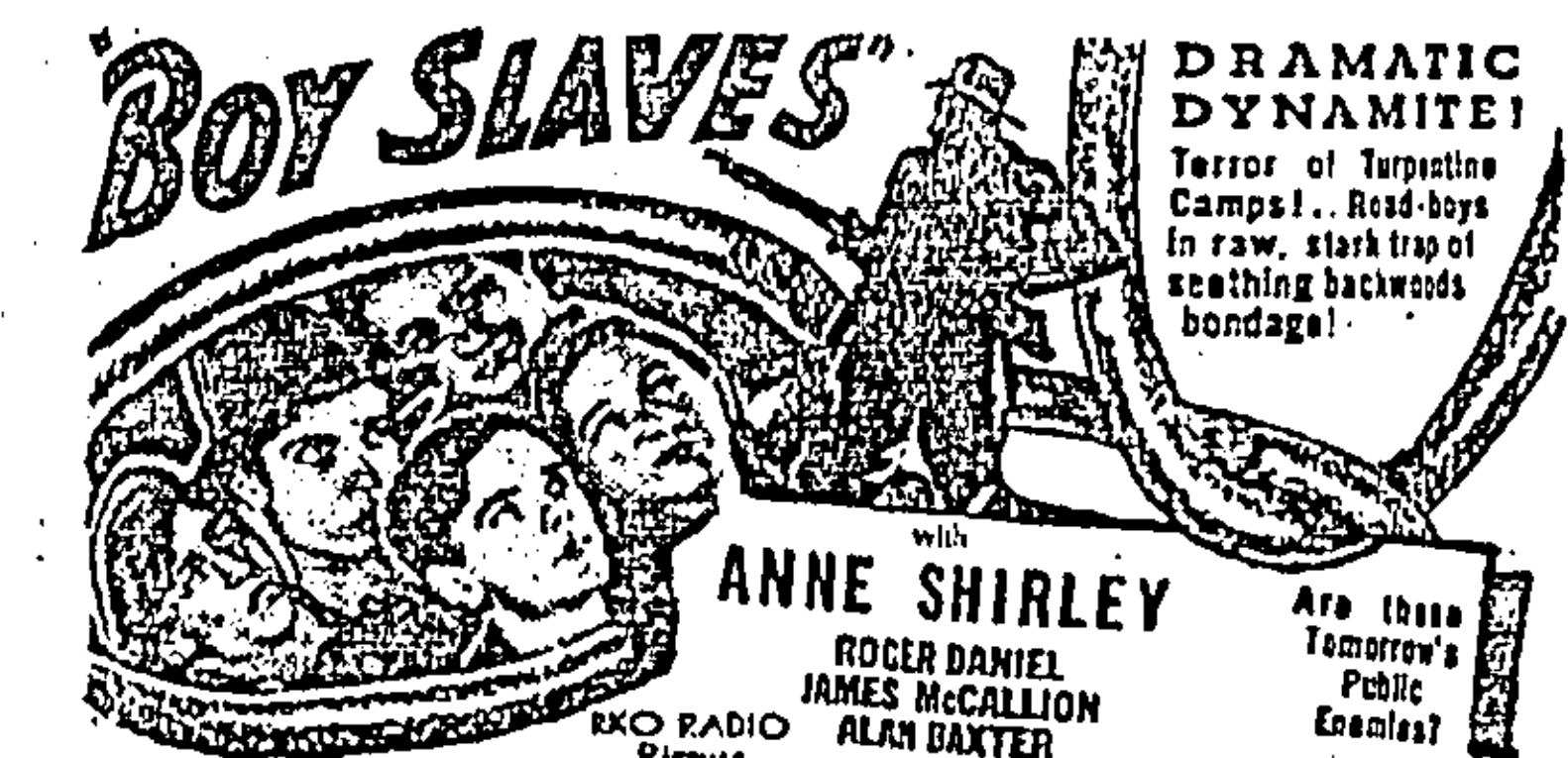
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## 'Quakes Shake Turkey And California

### Casualties Known To Be High

ANKARA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—At 1 a.m. a severe earthquake shook Anatolia.

Details of casualties and damage are not yet available but it is known that many were killed and injured and that much property was destroyed.

The Minister of the Interior has gone personally to direct the rescue and relief work in Anatolia.

It is still impossible to assess the damage and casualties because communications with some affected areas are interrupted.

The principal towns in several eastern departments have partly destroyed and many villages laid in ruins.

### Los Angeles Disturbance

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—An earthquake shook the buildings of Los Angeles and Long Beach at 11.30 a.m. local time.

The inhabitants hurried into the streets for safety.

Up to now no reports of damage have been received.

## NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Several leading Swiss newspapers today carry an advertisement of a Berlin company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enterprises.

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether these patents may be connected with the advertisement of a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products in neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral goods.

It is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

## BIG INFUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announces that gold imports during the week ending December 23 amounted to U.S. \$193,000,709, of which \$167,000,315 came from Canada and is believed to represent transshipments from the United Kingdom.

It is unofficially reported that approximately \$9,000,000 foreign gold has arrived on New York, reportedly from Scandinavia, Switzerland, India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 79 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland, 36 from Norway and six from Vera Cruz.

## Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon this morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine in Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and all vehicles were searched.

Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred. So far about a quarter of a ton of stolen ammunition has been recovered.

## Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The President of the All-India Liberal Federation said that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Muslim League.

In reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

## 4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGH, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumfriesshire today.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man.

Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stone-age man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

## French Contraband Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The French Contraband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24.

Forty thousand tons of merchandise were seized.

Since the outbreak of war the French Navy has brought 217 ships into port and has seized a total of 402,000 tons of merchandise.

## K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities APPROVE NEW TYPE OF SEASON TICKETS

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week. Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almeida e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, L. C. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with them.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer's report was presented and approved. This showed, inter alia, that for new members had joined during the month, making a total for the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.00.

Correspondence dealt with included a letter from the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association regarding the nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., China Command, in regard to a nuisance occasioned to residents in the Jordan Road area; and to the Hongkong & Yumall Ferry Co. and the "Star" Ferry Co. in regard to life-saving appliances on ferries.

### Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket

In reply to a letter from the Association asking for particulars of the proposed alteration in children's bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. furnished full details of the proposed scheme.

They stated that, in view of established facts and other evidence all pointing to the necessity of more control over the use of these privilege tickets they had decided, rather than to adopt the alternative of total cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

Consequently instead of issuing one ticket in heretofore, a book of tickets with days of the month (Sunday omitted) printed thereon will be issued.

The holder will be required to produce the entire book to the conductor for punching on each trip, and four additional trips will be provided on the cover of the book to enable the holder to travel for renewal of the ticket. These tickets would come into force on January 1st, 1940, and the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from that date.

Considered Adequate The proposed revised ticket was thoroughly considered by the Committee and it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of eight rides per day was adequate even for children who necessarily have to use two different routes. It was felt, however, that the withdrawal of the family ticket privilege would constitute a hardship to parents of large families who were least able to afford it, and it was therefore decided to deplore this cancellation and to request further consideration thereof by the Bus Company.

It was noted with pleasure that additional rolling stock was expected to arrive from England soon which should materially reduce the present congestion. In reply to a suggestion from the Association that the buses at Tate Ferry Terminal should be numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses. A plan of the layout was considered by the Committee and the Bus Company's explanation accepted as being correct and reasonable.

Street Watering The question of street cleaning by means of watering was again brought before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. Mr. S. at an Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a seconder. It was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

## FRENCH SANTAS FOR KIDDIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen.

The children were those of British naval men who lost their lives in the present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates.

A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Captain of the R.N.V.R.

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

## ANGLO-SWEDISH WAR-TIME PACT

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A wartime trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to war-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level.

A Joint Standing Committee will meet periodically in London or Stockholm to assist in the smooth operation of the arrangements contemplated under the agreement.

### Britain And Soviet

## No Break Anticipated

London, Dec. 27.

There is no truth in the report that the British Ambassador at Moscow has been instructed to advise representatives of British firms in the U.S.S.R. to leave that country, or that an early diplomatic rupture in relations between Britain and the U.S.S.R. is contemplated.

No change has occurred in the relations between Britain and Russia. —British Wireless.

### United States Also

London, Dec. 27.

The London Daily Mirror reports of rumours alleging that the United States and Great Britain are anticipating an early rupture in diplomatic relations with the Soviet has elicited from the authorities a denial as far as Britain is concerned.

The source of the story is said to have stated that the Embassies in Moscow told the workers in several works they should leave the Soviet Union before January 1 if possible, this order particularly applying to those living in Leningrad. —United Press.

## THE BRAZIL MARU

New O.S.K. Liner for Round The World Service

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The Brazil Maru, 19,000-ton sister ship of the O.S.K. luxury liner Argentine Maru, which was launched on August 2 this year at the Nagasaki Dockyard of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Company, was completed on Saturday and is sailing from Yokohama on January 11, next year, on her maiden round-the-world voyage.

Designed after the same type as the Argentine Maru, the ship is 166 metres long and 21 metres wide. It has a total accommodating capacity of 10,500 cubic metres for freight and passengers.

Exclusively made of Japanese materials, it is equipped with two Diesel engines and can develop a maximum speed of 22 knots.

It can accommodate a total of 801 passengers, including 101 first-class, 133 second-class, and 662 third-class. —Domet.

Hongkong is a port of call for the new vessel after it leaves Japan on the Westward run.

## "Monkey Gland" Expert Joins Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Serge Voronoff, the famous "monkey gland" specialist, has sailed for Europe to join the Allied forces. Mr. Voronoff will direct bone and skin grafting operations for wounded soldiers in France.

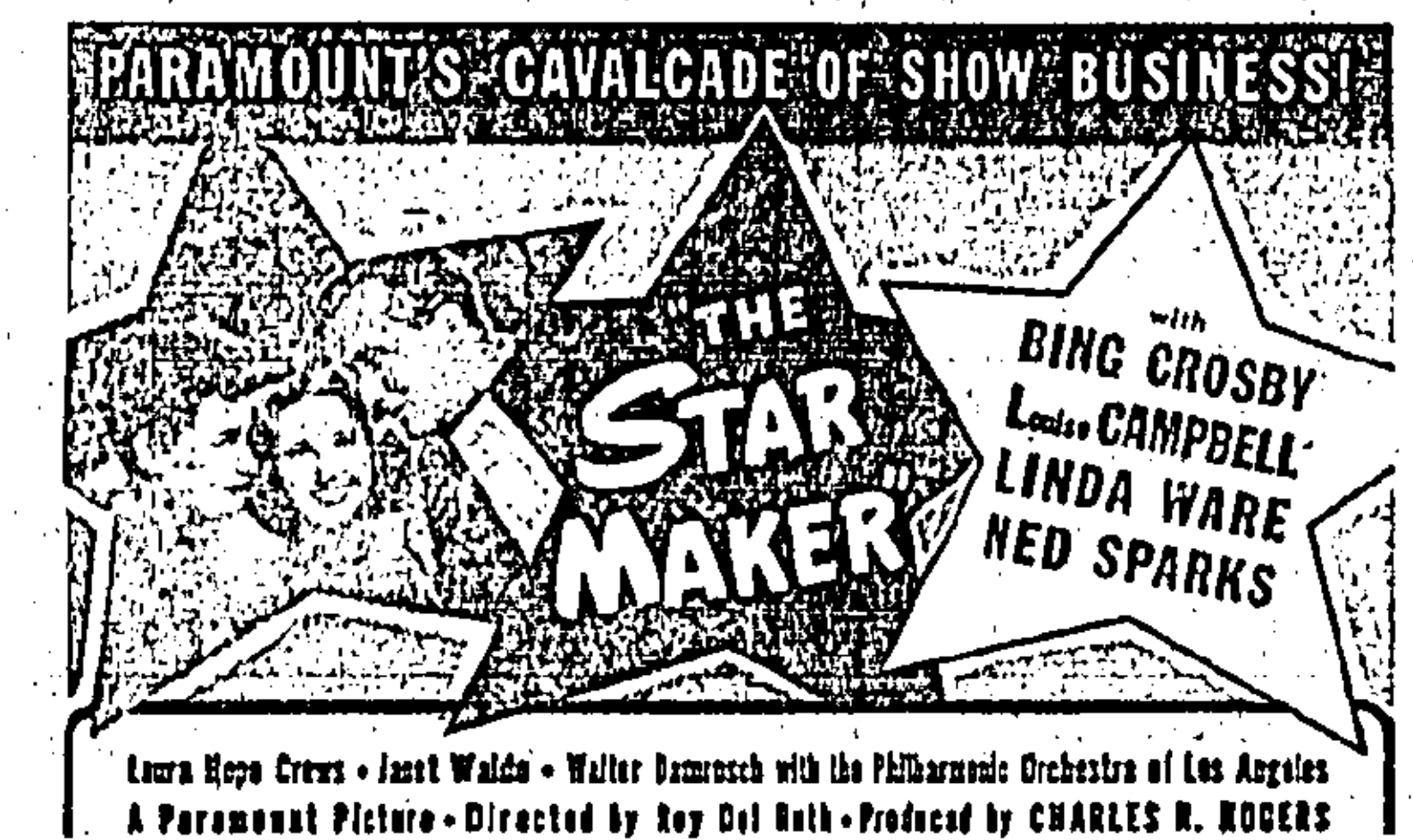
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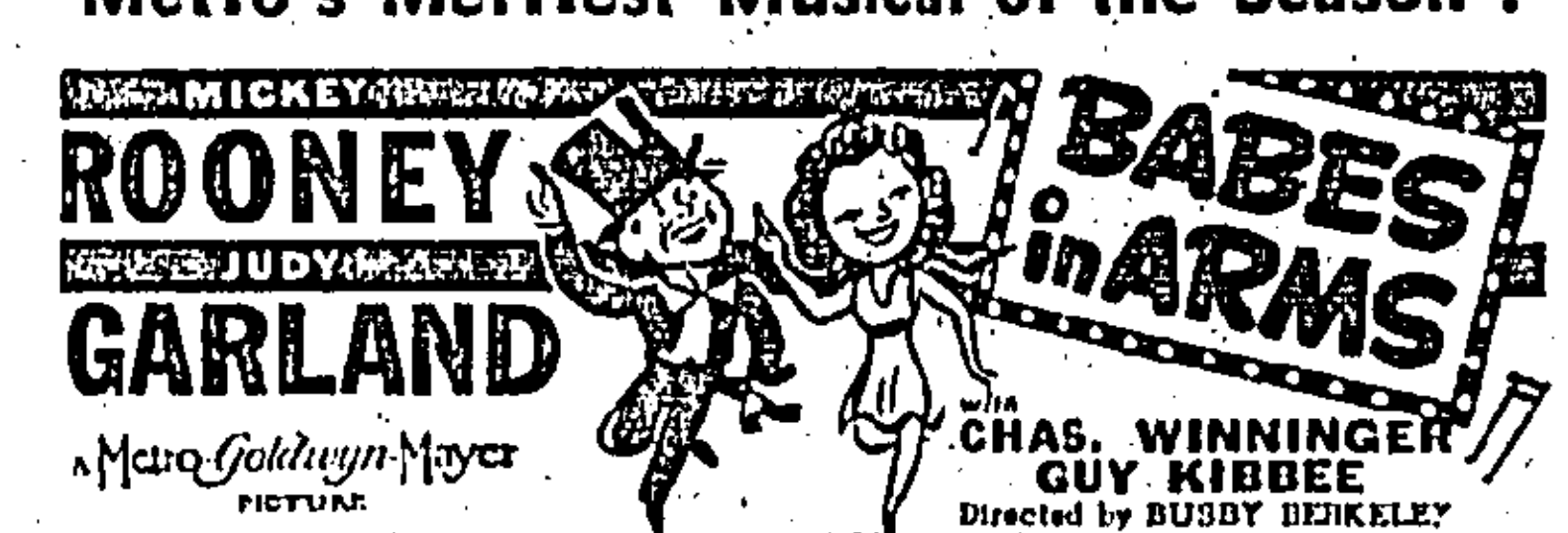
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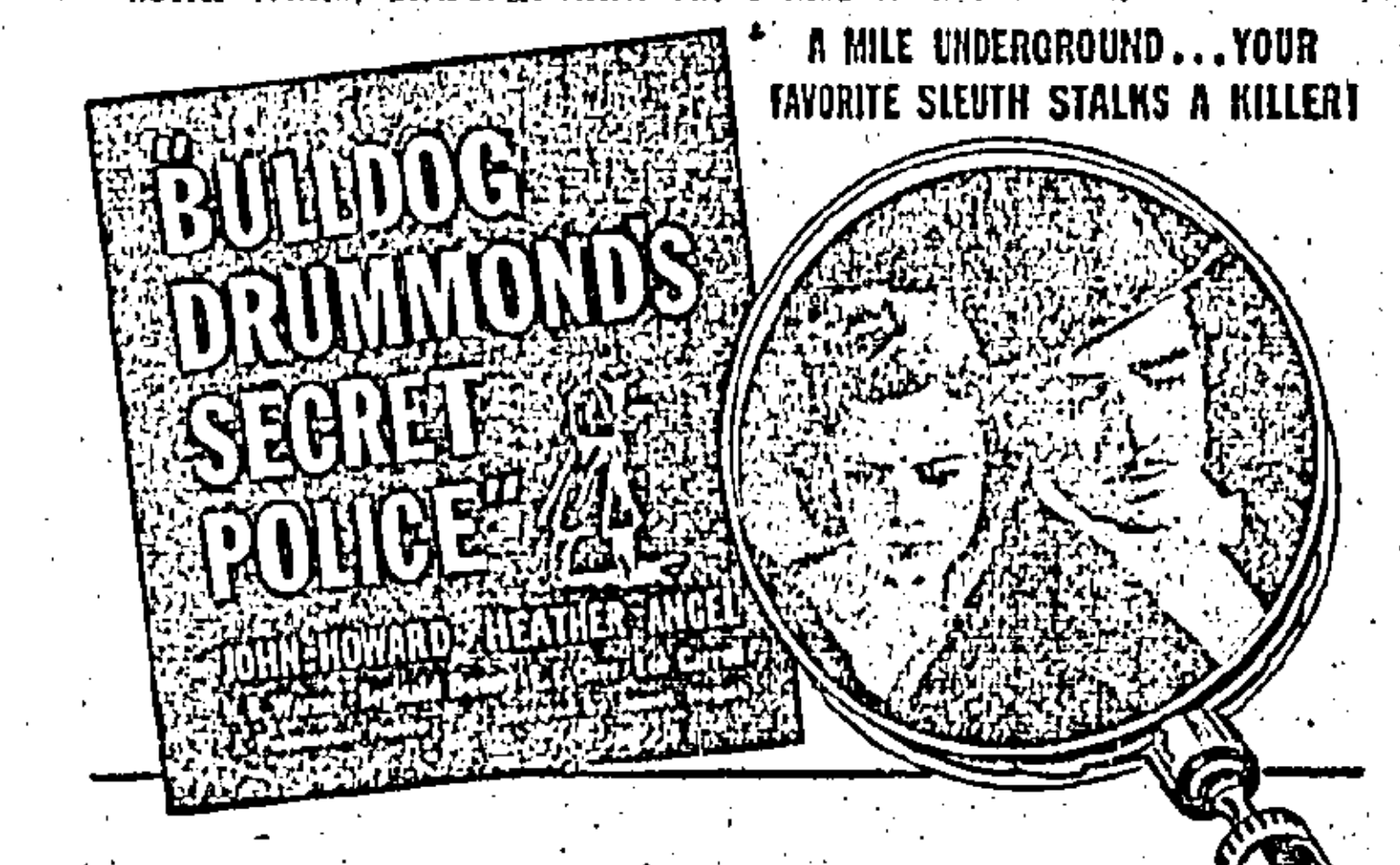
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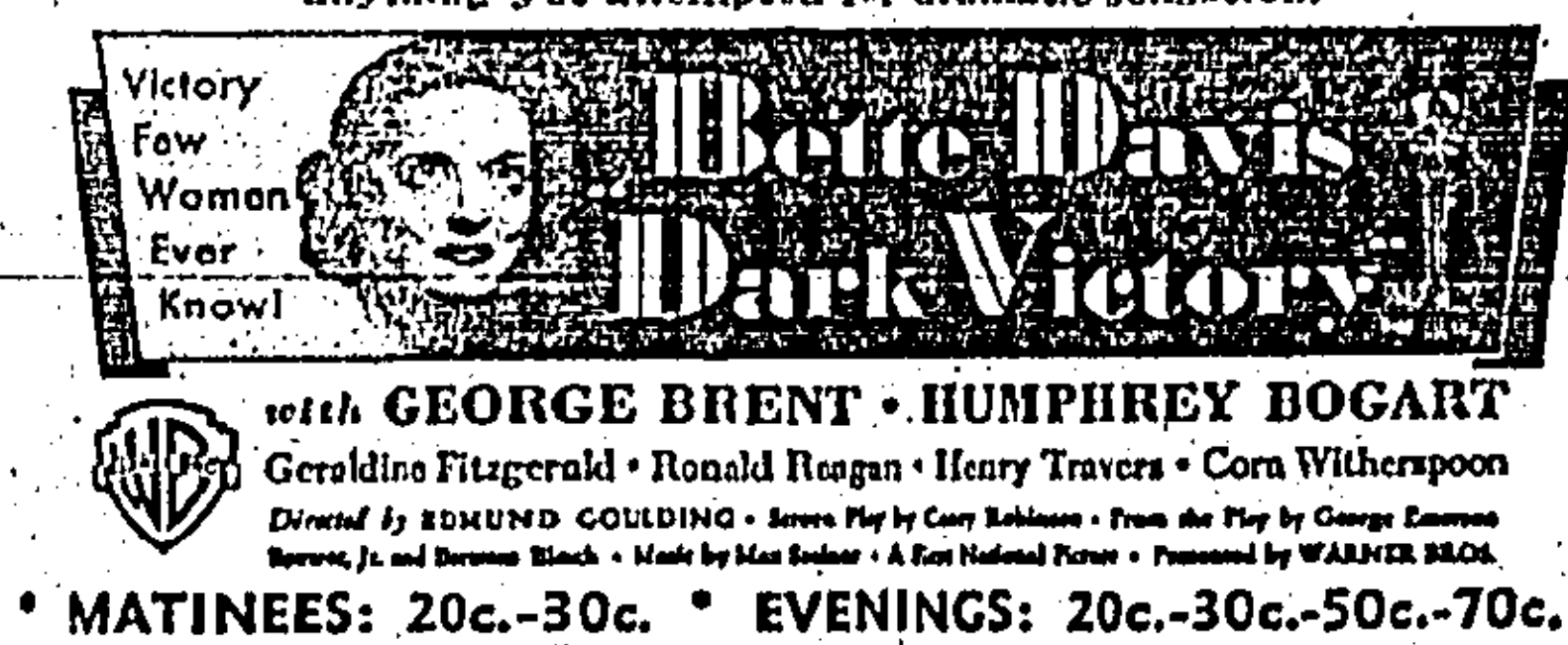
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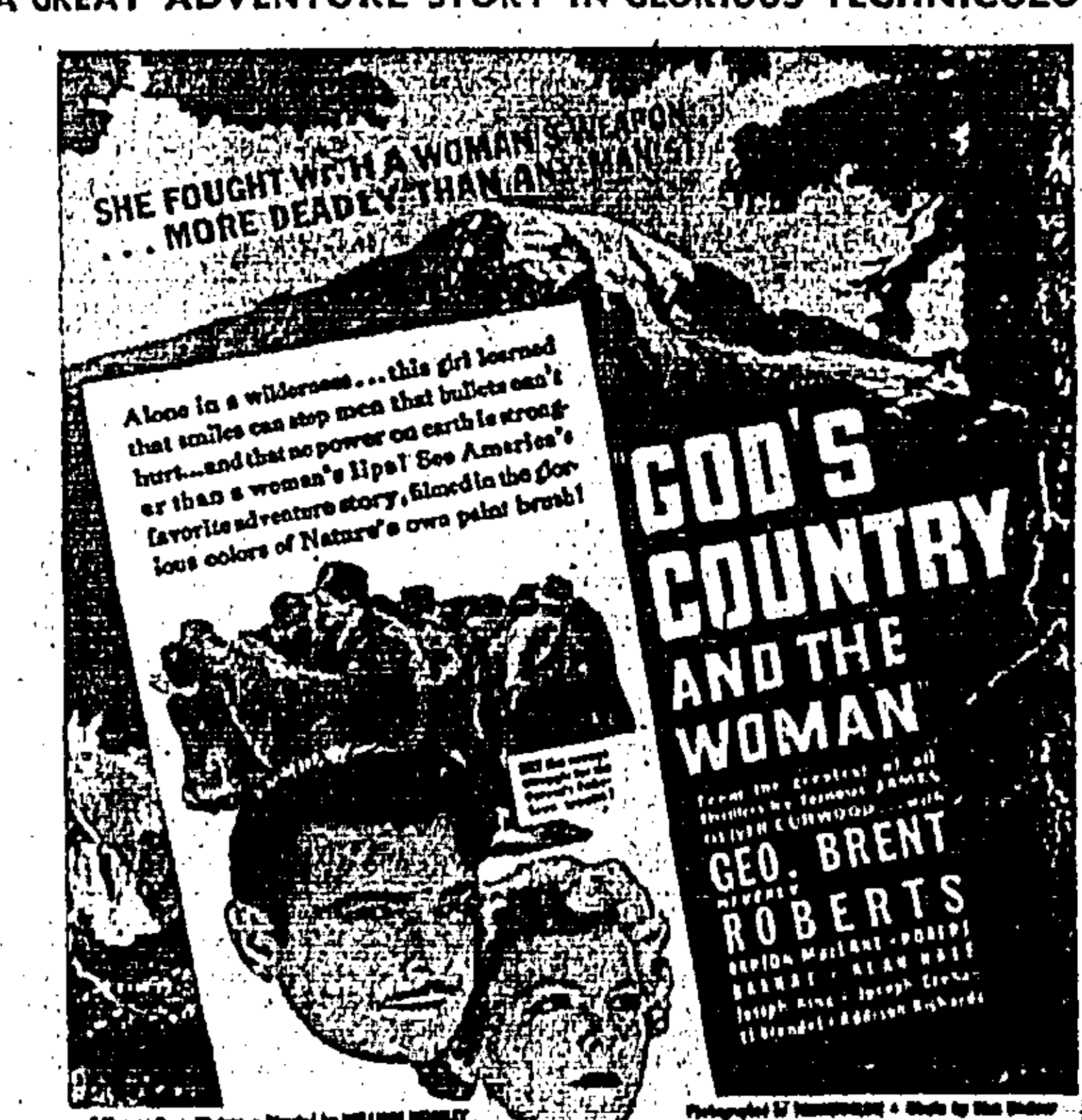
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### HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WITHIN A WEEK OF THE GREAT BANDA SEA EARTHQUAKE, WHICH FORTUNATELY WAS ATTENDED BY NO LOSS OF LIFE BECAUSE IT OCCURRED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEEPEST PART OF THE WATERS LAPPING THE SHORES OF NORTH AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA AND THE DUTCH EAST INDIES, THE WORLD HAS BEEN ROCKED BY A SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES OF UNPRECEDENTED SEVERITY.

The most disastrous has occurred in Asia Minor. Like its predecessor, it has been recorded all over the world.

Almost simultaneously, other earthquakes have shaken Los Angeles, Tangiers, Persia and Soviet Russia.

The Asia Minor earthquake is described by Observatory officials in Hongkong as "a tremendous upheaval."

It smashed the seismograph at Istanbul Observatory—the only time in the history of the establishment that such a thing has occurred. GREATER THAN QUETTA

The seismograph at West Bromwich was put out of motion, Mr. J. J. Shaw, England's well-known seismologist, described the shock as the most severe the world has experienced in many years.

It was of a greater magnitude than either the Quetta or Tokyo earthquakes.

Samson, the big seaport on the Black Sea, is wrecked.

Yosdad, Ordu, Refahiye and Amasye are among the towns destroyed.

Heavy loss of life is feared, although casualty reports are at present not available.

### HOLLYWOOD ROCKED

The strongest earthquake since 1933 simultaneously shook Hollywood and the nearby city of Los Angeles in California, states another "United Press" message.

### DOG-FIGHT IN SOUTH

Chinese Planes Give  
Combat To Invaders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE AIR BASE, Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air duel in South China for over two years is reported to have taken place on Wednesday afternoon when Japanese Army aircraft encountered a flight of Chinese I-16 type pursuit planes over Sunhu, north-east of Nanning, Kwangsi Province.

The Japanese aircraft moved out to support the operations of Japanese ground forces near Kaotang, about 40 miles north-east of Nanning.

The Chinese pursuit planes, immediately gave combat and in the first mid-air engagement in South China, Japanese craft shot down three of the Chinese machines, according to a Japanese claim.

Japanese planes carried out intense bombardment of the Chinese forces and their positions near Kaotang. All Japanese planes safely returned to their base towards the evening.

The shock was felt most severely in the Long Beach area, gathering place for Hollywood film stars.

The shocks lasted only ten seconds. Hundreds of panic-stricken people left their homes and offices as chandeliers crashed and street signs toppled.

No casualties have thus far been reported.

Tangiers was also the centre of another severe earthquake. An urgent "United Press" flash, received at 11.30 a.m., states that many houses, including the Government Bank, have collapsed. Loss of life has been heavy, the report adds.

5,425 Miles From Hongkong  
The epicentre of the Asia Minor earthquake was 5,425 miles from Hongkong, Royal Observatory officials told the "Telegraph" this morning.

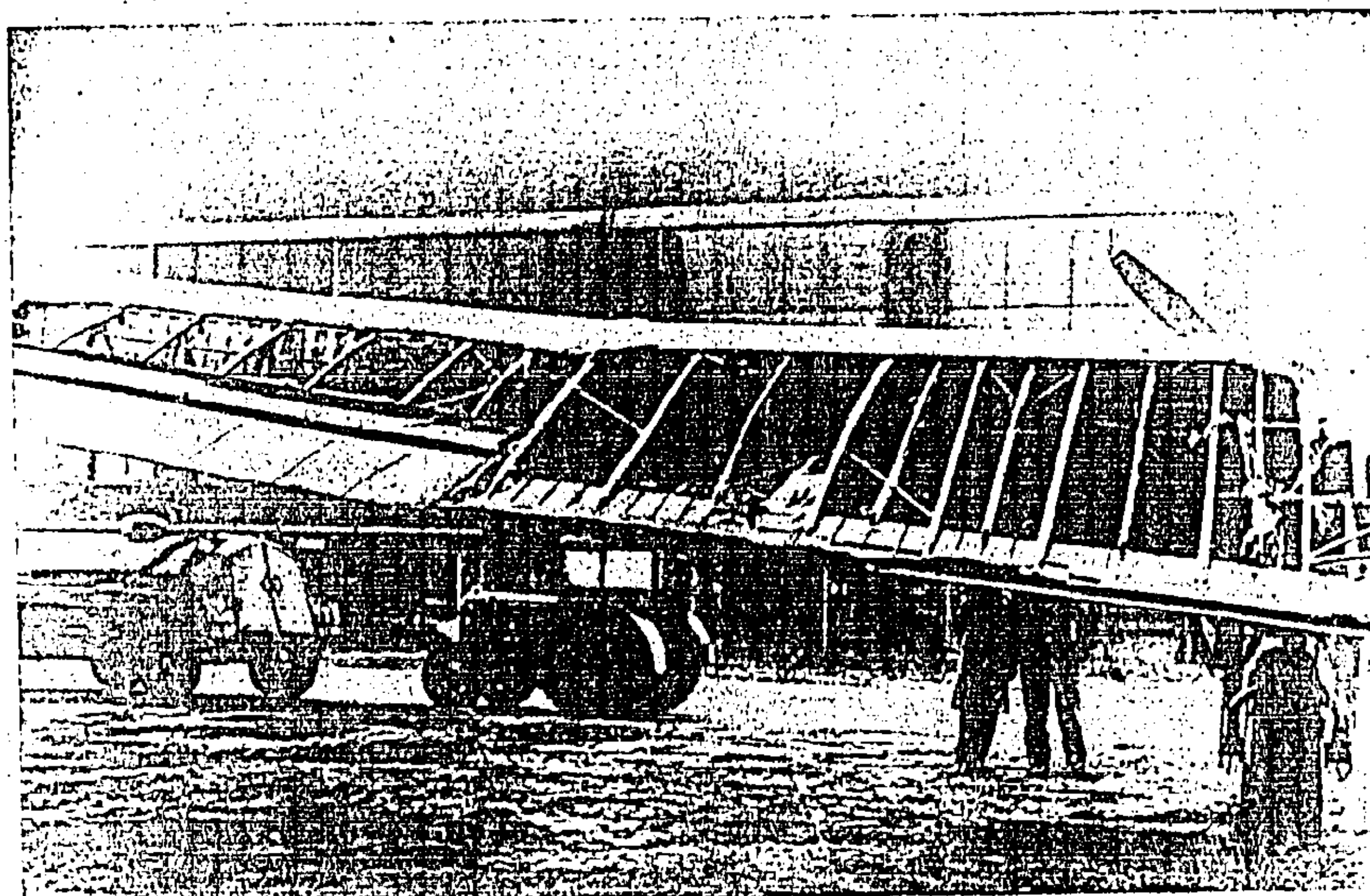
The maximum recording in Hongkong was 40 millimetres, indicating that the shock was tremendous.

"There will undoubtedly be a lot of damage if the epicentre occurred anywhere near populated towns," the official said.

The big earthquakes of the past week—in addition to the Banda Sea and Asia Minor shocks—there was a violent upheaval in South America—have followed a period when "the earth has been curiously still," the Observatory official commented.

The average number of earthquakes, big and small, recorded at the Royal Observatory in Hongkong is 200 a year.

### CROSSED N. SEA WITHOUT WING!



LAST WEEK, the "Telegraph" reported and commented upon the remarkable achievement of a British bomber which had the fabric of one of its wings torn away when it was struck by a German anti-aircraft shell whilst on a raid over Germany. The explosion completely tore away the fabric of one of the wings. Despite this, the plane succeeded in returning safely to its home base. Here is an official photograph, just received.

### BRITISH DIPLOMAT RELEASED

Seized Aboard Ship  
En Route To London

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the "Telegraph" by Mr. Gordon Vereker, the British diplomat who has just been released.

Mr. Vereker said that he had wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway, and had therefore booked a passage on an Estonian boat which was taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden, presuming that no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic.

"But I had under-estimated. We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop.

Taken Prisoner  
"The Germans came aboard and took the passengers prisoner," Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemunde, where he was shut up in a military prison.

Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was as agreeable as was possible under the circumstances.

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy, and denied him nothing but his freedom. When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then on a regular boat to Sweden.

### XMAS PRESENT STOLEN

EDWARD BROWNE, a school-boy residing at 6 La Salle Road, received a brand-new Hercules bicycle for Christmas.

Yesterday morning Edward bicycled down Nathan Road, whistled as he parked his "bike" outside the Majestic Theatre.

When he returned, it had disappeared. A grateful Edward, accompanied by a Chinese constable, spent yesterday afternoon searching for his property. The theft of which has been reported to the Yau-mat Police Station.

### SHIP CUT IN HALF BY TORPEDO

Crew's Amazing  
Attempt To Reach  
Port

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Their ship cut in half by a German torpedo, the crew of the London tanker, San Alberto, which was sunk without warning in the Atlantic, returned to the surviving stern half, got steam up and made a bold attempt to sail to port.

This amazing story of the sea became known last night.

The San Alberto was attacked without warning on December 9. The crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes before she broke in two.

The fore part twisted and sank immediately.

Two boats, with the captain in one, kept together in the driving rain, squalls and rising wind and they could occasionally see the other two but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon, the captain determined that the after part would not sink. They returned and the crew started to raise steam. By night-time the engines worked and there was electric light.

The third boat came alongside but one was still missing.

Slow Astern

By keeping the engines going slow astern, they kept the seas from tearing the front part of the ship's remains in bits, but every time she

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### ANTARCTIC QUEST

Admiral Byrd At  
Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly aboard his Polar Exploration ship, "North Star," on route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful until the ship ran into a gale, but the vessel and cargo, including a snow cruiser, were not damaged.

Christmas Day was missed by the crossing of the international day line but the festival nevertheless was celebrated with exchange of gifts and carol singing.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where it found that the inhabitants had an adequate supply of food to see them through until a supply ship arrived.

Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa, near Pitcairn, where the inhabitants, before his arrival, were unaware that war had broken out.

### STALIN PURGES ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according to Paris-Radio.

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the O.G.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

### Reds Continue Mass Raids On Finnish Cities

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland.

More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere (Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done.

In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area, wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities.

One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere.

Other towns were also raided.

Helsingfors was again raided, the alarm lasting for two hours.

Once again no bombs were dropped within the city, although one fire is reported on the outskirts.

Later some "bomblets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian friends."

A correspondent reports that 42 civilian centres were bombed by the Soviet during Christmas.

### Civilians Machine-Gunned

An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the planes flew low enough to machine-gun the civilians.

The Soviets lost 23 machines. One of the other main targets for Soviet airmen is Viborg, which is only about 20 miles behind the Mannerheim Line.

Viborg has not only been bombed from the air but Soviet artillery is shelling it from a range of over 25 miles.

Fortunately the bulk of the civilian population evacuated some time ago and most of the remaining civilians have now also left the city.

### A.R.P. in Helsingfors

New air-raid precautions are announced in Helsingfors.

All motor-cars must be painted white so as to make them difficult to be seen from the air against the snowy background, and for the same reason pedestrians out on foot during the raids must carry white sheets which can be thrown over themselves.

Soviet machines come down to machine-gun civilians.

### Attacks in Waves

While the Russians continued to hammer the left wing of the Mannerheim Line, they were using heavy artillery all along the Karelian Front, sending shells over the Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the lines.

Viborg particularly is suffering a bombardment by these heavy guns which are estimated to be operating some 25 miles away.

The Soviets have launched wave after wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line so far with little, if any, success.

The intense cold is enabling Soviet tanks and artillery to cross the frozen lakes.

Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the ice.

Finnish planes are constantly on the look-out and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots.

Some well-directed bombs on the ice discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross the ice.

Latest reports from the Salla front declare that the Russians have retreated altogether 60 miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago when they were nearly half-way across the "waist."

### Suvanto Battle

A communiqué states that a further Russian attempt to cross Lake Suvanto has failed.

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### AID FROM ALLIES

Russo-Finnish Conflict  
May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Domei).—The Allies are understood to be pushing preparations to extend military and financial assistance to Finland.

It is understood that the Allies are also ready to assist Sweden and Norway if Soviet pressure is extended to them.

Informed quarters state that Allied assistance to Finland will be made on a larger scale, both militarily and financially.

Meanwhile, the tardy progress in the Soviet military operations in Finland is reported to have encouraged Balkan nations to revive their attempts to form a Balkan neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended in a failure about a month ago.

Rumania is reported to be determined to resist both Soviet and German pressure.

Scandinavian Aid

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—More help for Finland is being sent. A Danish ambulance unit of 180 men arrived on the central Finnish front to-day.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that the appeal

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### LATEST

### 6,000 DEAD

ANKARA, DEC. 28 (REUTER).—ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL REPORTS, THE DEATH TOLL IN THE ASIA MINOR EARTHQUAKE IS OVER 6,000.

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Further Late News

### PUPPET'S "TOY" ARMY HAS MUSEUM UNIFORMS

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Arrivals from Tallinn have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish People's Government", although it has few people to govern.

The puppet government has now got its own toy army. Unfortunately the army has no uniforms of its own and the Soviets are too busy fighting the Finns to be able to provide them with any.

In the middle of last week the museum was accordingly ran-

sacked and the toy army is now fitted out with military costumes of the early eighteenth century. The costumes are worn exactly as they were 200 years ago, with one exception.



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## Imagination Was Too Vivid

### Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

The Nazis, said the announcer, would never give out information which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical broadcast from Zeppen, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch lighting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she once had been.

### GOTT MIT HUNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Christmas decorations of King George VI and M. Daladier are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American Press.

"The Boston Herald" says that the statements of the King and M. Daladier are more understandable to America because they spoke in cautious words of rulers who recognize their responsibilities to their people.

"Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess, in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man. The man referred to is not Jesus but Hitler," says the journal.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The office of the Commercial Secretary to His Majesty's Embassy in China and His Majesty's Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong, will be closed on the 1st January, 1940.

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

### Russo-Bulgarian Trade Talks

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria are expected to open late to-night.

The Bulgarian Mission, consisting of six delegates, is headed by the Minister of Finance.

The Mission arrived in Moscow yesterday morning.

## C. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshulph, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	New Lot No. 2491	Between New Kowloon Nos. 422 & 549, Fok Wing St., Shamshulph.	N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	40,000	0.91	\$5,000

## C. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 6111, Between Nos. 5307 and 5509, King's Road.		N. 100 feet, S. 100 feet, E. 100 feet, W. 100 feet	11,750	0.27	\$20,000

## C. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Conduit Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

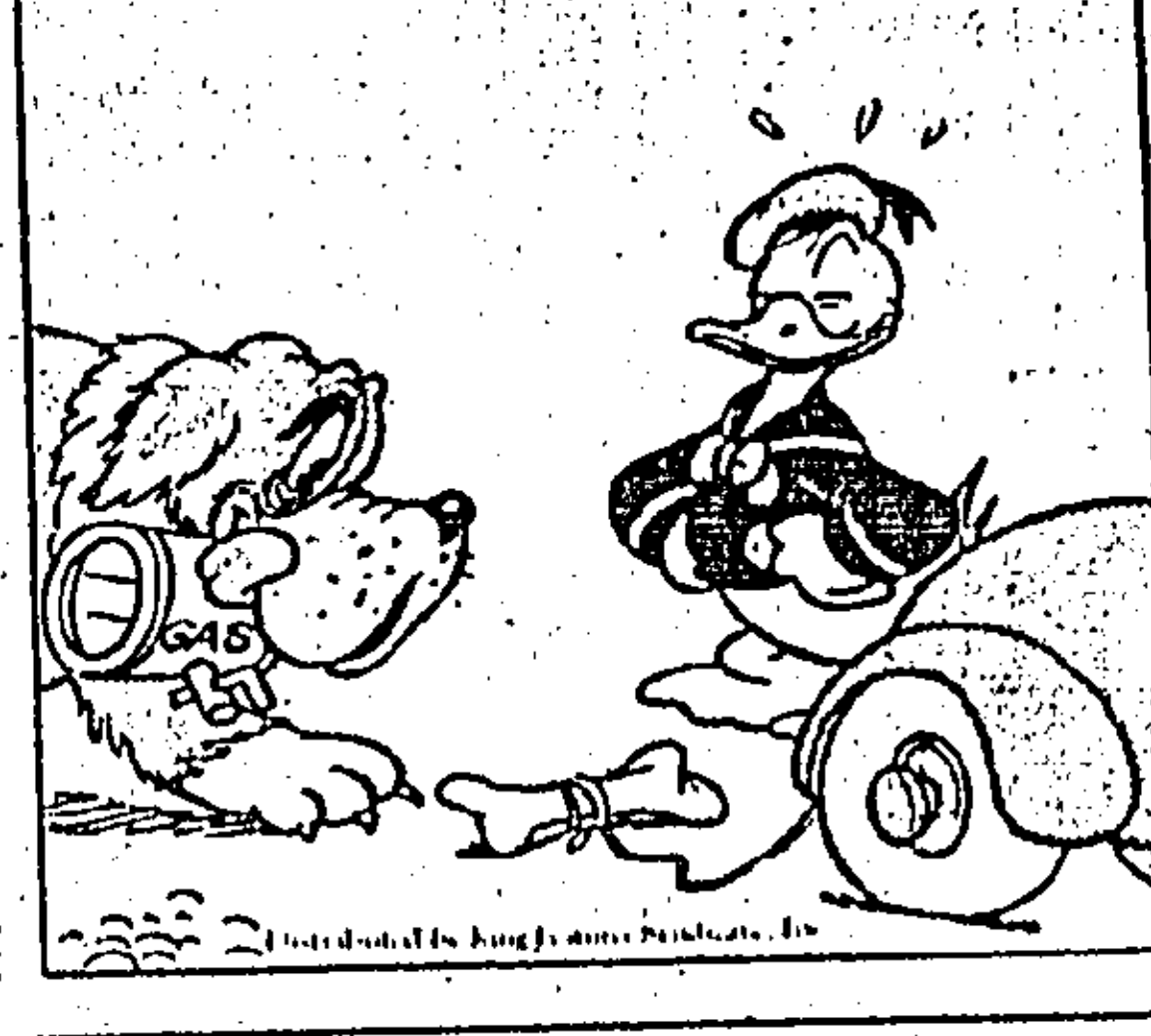
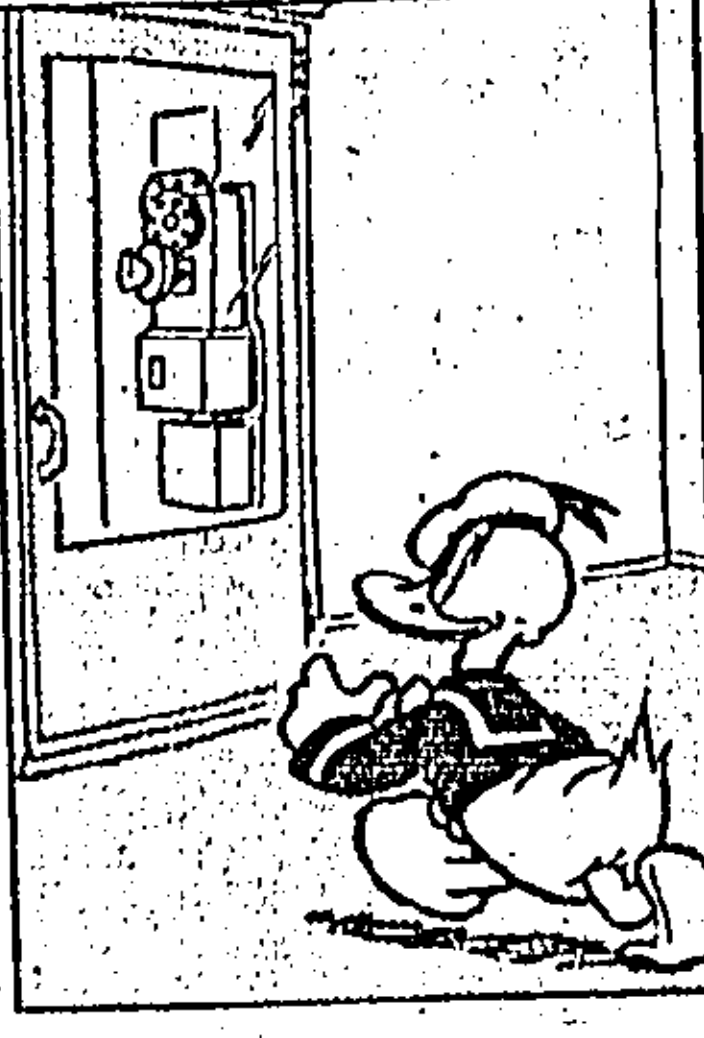
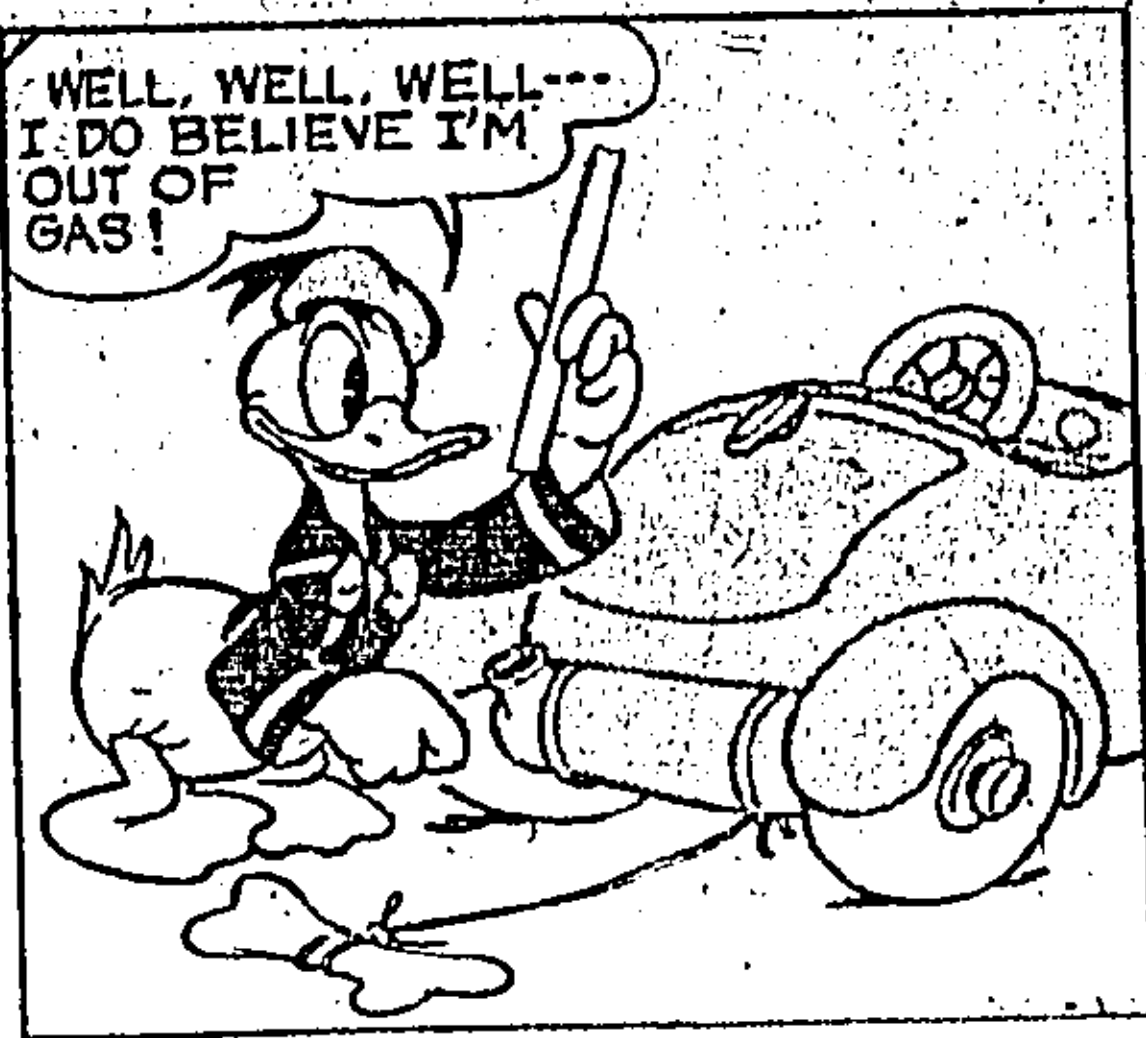
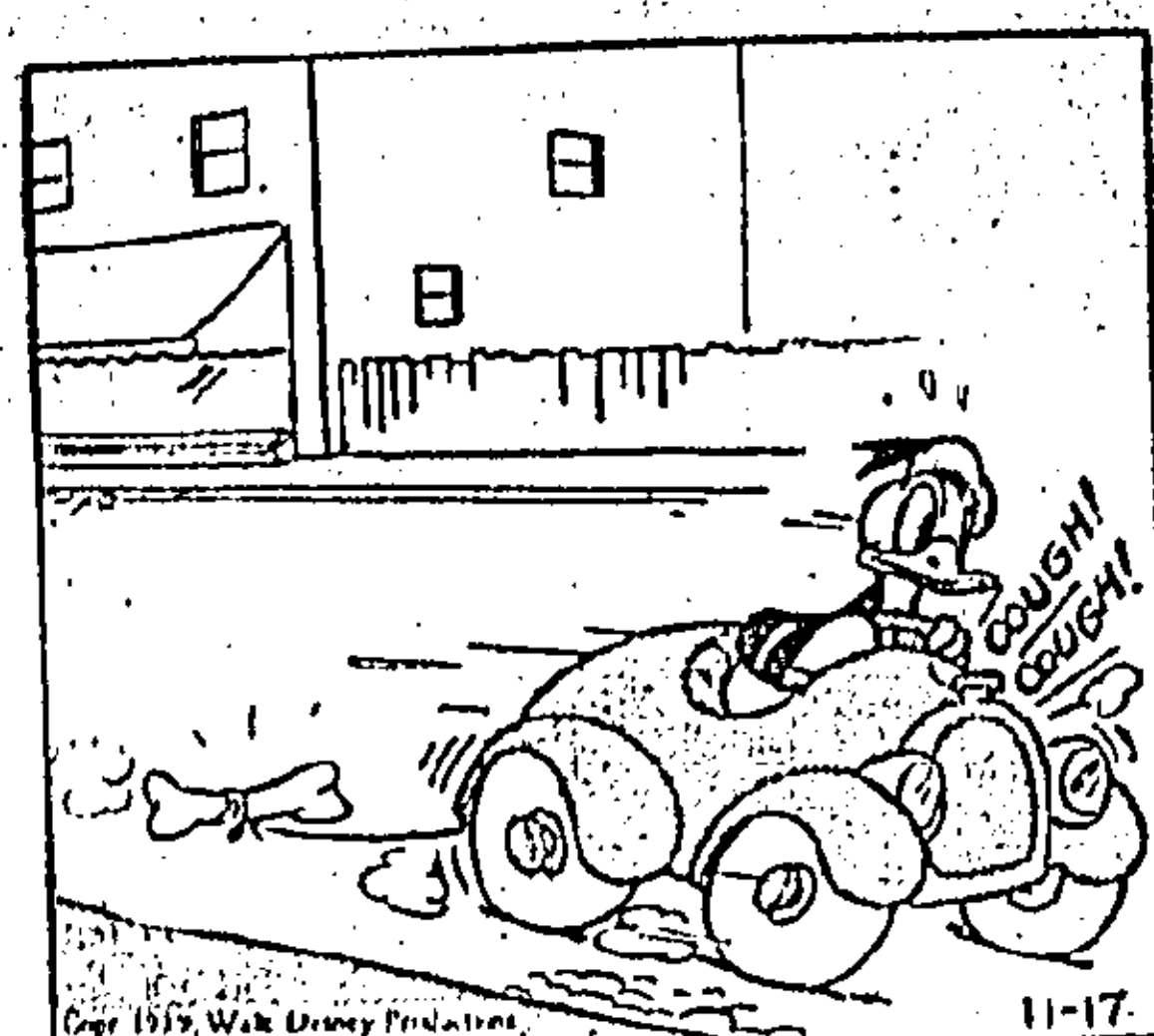
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### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Acres, Bents	Upset Price
3	Garden Lot No. 111.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 949, Council Road.	N. 100 feet S. 100 feet E. 100 feet W. 100 feet	About 6,700.	15	\$15
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## Fight of 4,000 years ago is museum fake says major

Daily Express Correspondent

ELY (Cambs.).

A STORY of 4,000 years ago, represented by an animal skull with a stone axe-head stuck in it, has been believed until to-night, when Major Gordon E. Fowler denied it.

THE man who had the last audience with Queen Victoria before she died—to receive instructions about the Boer War—came back to the House of Lords in fighting mood recently. He was Lord Milford, War Minister from 1900 to 1903, now 83 years old, who, as Mr. St. John Brodrick, had his name perpetuated in the "Brodrick Cap."

This is how he described the great exodus from the Ministry of Information:

"At midnight, on October 8, this lurid stream of incongruities overflowed its banks and 350 were transferred to a special department under Sir Walter Monckton."

The Brodrick forage cap was introduced into the British Army in 1902, after Mr. St. John Brodrick, then War Minister, had watched the German Army manoeuvres, but 30 years later, he revealed that it was King Edward VII. who actually approved the cap.

(Lord Camrose has left the Ministry of Information).

### GAS AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

A well contaminated area may on occasions be worth a division—particularly when there is not a division to be had where it is wanted.

Gas in the last war was a weapon of offence, largely due to the element of surprise when it was first introduced. It was an aid to offence when troops were unprepared to meet it.

After gas masks had become general it was more of a nuisance than anything. Gas tactics were in their infancy.

In this war it will be a weapon of defence, and thus it will undoubtedly be employed eventually.

### Paris to Rio At 25,000ft.

PARIS.

FLYING at an average height of 25,000ft., Paul Codos and Guillaumet have piloted France's first sub-stratosphere plane from Paris to Rio de Janeiro.

During their 5,000-mile flight—prepared and made in secret—they often reached 30,000ft.

The four-engined machine, named Camille Flammarion, after the great scientist, has an air-tight cabin but no other special apparatus for high altitude flying.

Calls were made at Dakar (Senegal) and at Natal (Brazil) after crossing the Atlantic in 12 hours (average speed 170 m.p.h.); flying time from Natal to Rio was 10 hours.

### PRESIDENT RETIRES

Zurich, Dec. 27.

M. Moscioldi, former President of Poland, with his wife and daughter arrived in Switzerland this morning from Rumania en route to Fribourg. According to the Polish authorities,

But another three years must pass before Major Fowler can fully prove his denial.

For the last fifty years the skull and axe have been an exhibit in the Sidgwick Museum at Cambridge. And scientists, students and public have accepted them as evidence of a prehistoric fight to the death.

But Major Fowler says in effect: Bunk. You have all been daddled. I know the man who daddled you, but I can't name him—yet.

Major Fowler is a Fenland research enthusiast, and he was speaking at a meeting at Ely to-night when he alleged that the exhibit was a fake.

He said afterwards: "The axe was placed in the skull by the man who perpetrated the trick on the scientists."

He added that he knew the facts about the perpetrator, but he could not divulge the full story until five years after the man's death. He had not been dead two years yet.

It is expected that the museum will now call in experts to investigate Major Fowler's statement.



German soldiers who won't be required to fight in the war again. They're prisoners in a British internment camp somewhere in England. They'll be there for war's duration.

## ONE NAZI CHIEF IS A MEGALOMANIAC

—Guess his name

"THE megalomania of one man defeated the Prime Minister and defeated me also," said Sir Neville Henderson, formerly Ambassador in Berlin, at a Press Club lunch.

"Had Hitler stopped after Munich, co-operation even with him might still have been possible. But Hitler would not, or could not, stop."

Sir Neville said he went to Berlin two and a half years ago with the deep conviction that it was to be avoided it was necessary to find some means of coming to an understanding with the German people.

Some Good Nazis

"Germany was governed by Hitler and the Nazi Party," he said. "That was her affair, and there was nothing I could do about that. Therefore, if one wanted an understanding, one had to get it with the Nazi Government."

"There were good Nazis, just as there were bad Nazis; there were Nazi idealists, just as much as there were self-seeking adventurers and bullies. There were certain aspects of the regime one might have tolerated."

"My mission ended in tragic failure. I think it probably could not have ended in any other way."

"The ambitions and appetites of a dictator grow as the need for dictatorship diminishes, and as the fear of a dictator, and of a small extremist minority that they will lose their jobs, becomes more oppressive. In spite of all the bitterness of failure, I still assert that the Nazi case, in the beginning, had a certain measure of justification, and that the too-sweeping condemnation in England of everything that had to do with it was not fair."

"It may be, as some say, that there is no distinction between Nazism and Germany; but that is a standpoint of despair, and this war will have been fought in vain if, at the end of it, we have not helped to teach the German people themselves that distinction."

"Hitler himself was the mere creation of the feeling of every German against the discrimination and injustice of Versailles."

Sir Neville said the war must be fought and won, and we must end it in such a way that the only grievances the Germans have shall be against their own rulers, their leaders, and the system which brought them again to defeat.

"When I left Germany my experience was that there was no hatred among the mass of the German people against England as there was in 1914. My information is that this

### Feared Being Called Up, Cut Off Fingers

CAMBORNE (Cornwall.)

A YOUNG man was alleged to have cut off two fingers of his right hand to prevent being called up for Army service.

Norman Richards (25), of Trevanion Farm, Camborne, a butcher's assistant, was committed for trial at Penance Quarter Sessions on a charge of having, on September 5, "unlawfully maimed himself by cutting off the first and second fingers of his right hand to prevent enlistment in His Majesty's forces."

In Butcher's Shop

On the evening of September 5, it was alleged, Richards went to a back room at the shop where he was employed in Camborne and a little later returned to the shop with his right hand bleeding and parts of two fingers missing. In the back room his employer found a cleaver.

To Detective-Constable Julian Richards was stated to have said: "I have been very worried lately over the international situation and the measure of justification, and that the too-sweeping condemnation in England of everything that had to do with it was not fair."

A further alleged statement by him was: "Before the war broke out I talked with the chap working with me as to who would have to join up if war came. They said, 'You will have to go.' I said I would rather be a conscientious objector. They said: 'You can't be that this time, and I got worried.'"

"I was driven up to a pitch and I must have done it last Tuesday morning."

"If I had my time to go over again I wouldn't have done it. I am left-handed in most things, but I write with my right hand."

has been greatly changed in the last two months, thanks to the propaganda of Dr. Goebbels. "Be that as it may, I find in England very little sign of hostility to Germans as distinct from Hitlerism and its methods."

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- New Year's Pudding
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- Tea or Coffee

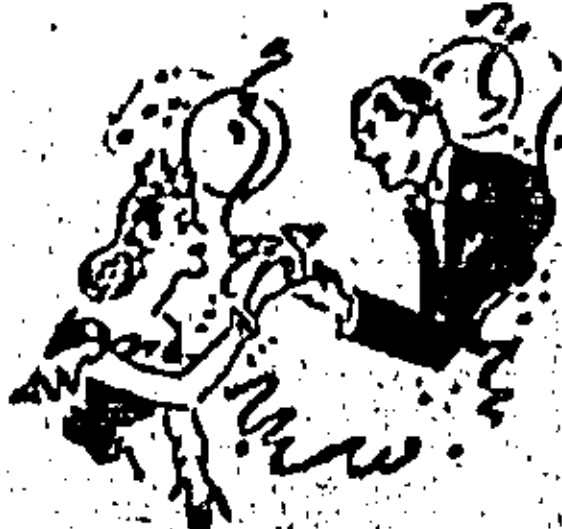
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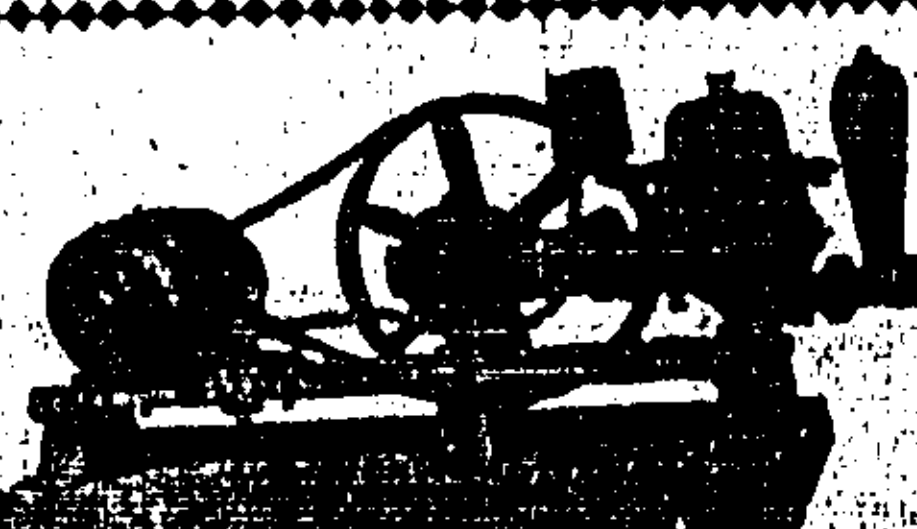
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**DEATH**

**FIGUEIREDO.**—At his residence No. 65 Waterloo Road, on Thursday, December 28, 1939, at 3.20 a.m. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, aged 43 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Shanghai and Japan papers please copy).

**The  
Hongkong Telegraph**

Thursday, December 28, 1939.  
Wyndham St., Hongkong  
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**Someone Blundered**

How long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect of success, is a question exercising the talents of government experts in several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Hitler deliberately chose war with Britain and France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these nations would not fight—this would help toward an estimate of Germany's real strength.

If Hitler deliberately chose war against two powerful nations in addition to Poland, one might assume he counted on the material equipment of the Third Reich to carry it through. But if he blundered into it, relying on bluff to win the day, it was not on German strength but on his own cleverness that he may have relied.

Thus the recent disclosure by Reikichi Kita, member of the Japanese House of Representatives, indicating Hitler did not believe Britain and France would fight, is extremely interesting. Mr. Kita says that a Japanese industrialist who was invited to the Nazi rally at Nuremberg, but who decided because of the crisis to go immediately to Stockholm, was urged in a note from Hitler to stay in Germany because there would not be war.

It was not possible for the Allied diplomats, in direct negotiation with Hitler, to know certainly whether he was really ready to face a major war. Many assessed his boldness as bluff. Some appear to have felt that at the last moment, Hitler began to realize what he was up against but decided to go ahead even into general war. Mr. Kita's report, supporting the views of those who believe Hitler blundered, helps also to explain why he risked the Russian partnership. Had that last gigantic bluff worked, Hitler might have had Poland and peace—his kind of peace, a spectacular victory over the western democracies and some gains at the expense of the Soviet, granted unwillingly by Stalin's own hand.

But if somebody blundered, it wasn't Stalin.

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ON  
PRAYER**

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right.

Pray, if thou canst, with hope;  
but ever pray,  
Though hope be weak, or sick  
with long delay;  
Pray in the darkness, if there be  
no light.

Far is the time, remote from human sight,  
When war and discord on the earth shall cease;  
Yet every prayer for universal peace  
Avails the blessed time to expedite.

What'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,  
Though it be what thou canst  
not hope to see;  
Pray to be perfect, though material heaven  
Forbid the spirit so on earth to be;

But if for any wish thou dar'st  
not pray,  
Then pray to God, to cast that wish away.  
—Harley Coleridge.

**TEN FACTS  
ABOUT FINLAND**

1. A Swedish colony for 500 years, Finland was ceded to the expanding Russian Empire in three stages during the eighteenth century.

2. Backed by German troops, she finally won her independence by crushing a Communist revolt in 1918.

3. Finland has been friendly with Germany since. Coloured shirts and swastikas are much in evidence, although the Government is a Social Democratic-Agrarian coalition.

4. The country is governed by a President (elected for six years), a Council of State, and a Diet of 200.

5. Finland was the first country to give votes to women under a short-lived self-government constitution granted by the Czar in 1907. They still have them.

6. Finns are mainly Lutheran Protestants. Their other religion is physical fitness. Remember Paavo Nurmi, the runner?

7. They are also one of the best educated and most cultured races in Europe.

8. Asiatic in origin, they moved from the Volga in the eighth century. They are related to the Estonians and Hungarians.

9. Main product is timber carried to the coast on the country's many lakes and rivers. Minerals are scarce, there is no coal.

10. Pop., 3,611,791; area, 132,000 square miles (size of England, Scotland and Wales).

**How We  
Knocked 1/5th  
Off Hitler's  
Battle Fleet**

by H. C. FERRABY,  
Daily Express  
Naval Reporter

At the beginning of the war Germany's battle fleet consisted of the three pocket battleships Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer, and Deutschland, and the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

**1. Tactics**

WHEN the first whisper reached me that the Achilles was in action with the Admiral Scheer (as we believed the ship to be at that time) and then later that she had been sunk, I saw nothing improbable in the report.

Ever since the start of the hunt for the German pocket battleships, those of us who remember the battle of Coronel have feared that the Germans might have the luck to catch some of our searching light cruisers out of reach of protection of the bigger ships, and that another easy triumph for the German Navy might precede the extinction of the raiders.

The fear was reasonable. Consider the gun power of the respective ships—

	Single B'side	Shell B'side per min.
	lbs.	lbs.
Graf Spee class	670	4,020 12,060
Archilles class	100	800 8,000
Exeter class	250	1,500 7,500

Not only was the pocket battleship's total weight of fire 60 per cent. greater than that of

any of our cruisers. The crushing effect of one 670lb. shell is so much greater than that of one 100lb. shell, and the amount of damage done by one greater than that by six of the British shells—because of its concentration in one spot.

Moreover, the British cruisers' gun range is some 18,000 yards, which is well inside the 30,000 yards of the German ship. The cruisers could not hope, as it seemed, to be within range where they could damage the German without being themselves under such weight of fire as must annihilate them in a few salvoes.

It didn't work out that way. The gunnery of the Germans was by no means up to their usual standard—which was demonstrated when the Deutschland sank the Rawalpindi. We are told that at the start of the battle the only ship engaging the Graf Spee was the Exeter.

The German gunners had at that time only the one target; they had also only the fire of one ship to unsettle them.

At that stage gunners of the skill of those who fought under Admiral von Spee at the battle of Coronel would have reduced the target to splinters in a few rounds. The gunners of the

battleship named after that admiral were not worthy of their forerunners.

But the battle was a remarkable triumph for the gunnery men of the British cruisers. For such comparatively light craft to knock a ship of the size of the Graf Spee about so badly without being smashed up themselves is a feat that takes some believing, even though there were three of them on the spot.

Why were our gunnery men so successful, the Germans so surprisingly bad? The answer is in the tactics which the British cruisers adopted.

The British tactics seem to have been modelled on those of Sturdee at the battle of the Falklands—a long, running fight; excess of speed ensuring that touch could always be kept; steady hammering at the enemy for hours on end with slow, concentrated fire at intervals so as not to waste a salvo by hitting at the empty air; skilful dodging of his salvoes by manoeuvring, and, of course, simultaneous concentration of fire from three directions to worry both the gunnery control in the enemy ship and the attempts of the bridge to dodge the fall of shot.

Observers outside the ship have already told us of damage to the superstructure and the bridge of the Graf Spee. But that is superficial damage, and would not of itself explain her decision to seek shelter in the neutral harbour. Yet her armoured sides should have been sufficient to resist shells of the calibre that were fired at her. She is reputed to have had armoured decks as a defence against plunging fire (that is, shells dropping from a great height), and her gun turrets had seven-inch armour. Either British shells to-day, even of medium calibre, are a vast deal more powerful than we have ever suspected, or the construction of the pocket battleships is nothing like as formidable in defence as we have been led to believe.

**BEHIND THE WAR NEWS**

**GAS AS A WEAPON**

by Peter Evans

DURING the last few years there has been more public discussion on the subject of gas in warfare than on most other aspects of the science of mutual destruction.

For some reason it has always been represented as a particularly horrible weapon, and there have been more efforts to make rules for its use than there have been to abolish the circumstances in which it could be used.

The improbability of its use against the civilian population, and the reasons why it should inspire little fear if it is, were very clearly shown by Prof. J. B. S. Haldane yesterday.

But the professor said nothing as to its use on the field of battle. In 1922 the principal Governments of the world, gathered at Geneva, forbade the use of all asphyxiating and blistering gases for evermore. The Governments of the world have forbidden many things that they have subsequently done.

Will this prove to be another? I think it will.

★ ★

Already one nation—Italy—has used gas in war during the last few years. The campaign in Ethiopia seemed to be at its standstill. Gas made it fluid again, and the Italians won.

Many hard things were said of Mussolini for his action, but from a military point of view, he was only doing what any nation might do with its back to the wall—take the best means to get away from it.

Gas in war is a very valuable weapon, and no more inhuman than anything else that is designed by man for the mutilation or destruction of his fellow man.

It does not do the former and it comparatively rarely does the latter. But it may put quite a lot of men out of action for quite a long time. The important gases are, of course, the blistering gases. Except for the element of surprise among troops unprepared to meet them, asphyxiating gases have little military value to-day.

They are volatile and a slight breeze quickly blows them away. Since modern armies are provided with gas-masks, it means that asphyxiating gases only add another to the many discomforts of war.

★ ★

Gas, therefore, appears as a valuable aid to defence. It is possible to

lay gas in front of a weakly held sector so that troops may be concentrated in front of another sector.

Then again, in withstanding an offensive, gas is an effective barrier. It can be so effective a barrier that I believe the first army to be really hard pressed will use it; it will be unable to overcome the temptation.

To a large extent it will take the place that barbed wire held in the last war.

In laying wire, men have to expose themselves, and as night a front can be, and probably will be, lit up most

of the time. In the same way men can crawl forward to cut it.

Shell fire can flatten wire, and that is the main purpose of a barrage before an advance against a defended position. Tanks largely came into existence to overcome wire.

But gas is subject to none of these disadvantages. It is thus in defence a much more valuable aid than ever wire was.

But if its chief use is defensive, it can also play a part in an offensive, particularly in open warfare. Troops advancing on a sector can protect their flanks by contaminating the country on each side of them.

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**GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty**



"Hmmm—she looks too young to be his daughter—she must be his wife!"

**2. Strategy**

The strategical disposition of the British forces in the South Atlantic to deal with the problem of the raiders has been justified by the event.

It has always been obvious to the student of naval warfare that if the raiders were to do any damage it could be done only at the focal points, those areas of the sea into which merchant ships must come as they approach or leave the harbours. They might roam the open space for weeks on end, as they have done, without catching more than an occasional freighter.

Our covering forces did not need to roam the seas wildly looking for them. Sooner or later they must venture into the areas where shipping was to be found. The mouth of the River Plate and a hundred miles to seaward of it is a vital focal point. There are several others in the South Atlantic. There are several in the Indian Ocean.

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

# NEW KHALSA SIKH XI IN ACTION

### Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers' Test On Sunday Next

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett put in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave a useful display; with more experience a gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second half than in the first.

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a grueling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, as a kicking back, saved the side from a heavy defeat. However, the defence with Miss I. Woolley, Miss P. Everest and Mrs. Willmott, fought gamely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y" forwards were broken up.

Mrs. M. White, who has only just returned from a holiday in England, revealed fine stick-work at centre-forward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack. Mrs. Quick, the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will certainly be of great value as leader of the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

IN a junior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground, Argonauts and C.B.A. played a drawn game. C.B.A. fielded a depleted team, and Mendonca of La Salle College appeared for the home team in goal. The Portuguese were the better players and had it not been for Mendonca in goal, would have won comfortably.

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did fine work. Miss N. Silva, at centre-half, was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being highly instructive.

C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor account of themselves. Aimless hitting, many stoppages for minor infringements, and far too much talking, in which Miss J. Felshaw was the chief slayer, was the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back, however, played a strong game, and Miss J. Crawford was always a trifle in the attack.

Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration, and should the C.B.A. ladies hope to improve by staging these so-called friendly games, there must be greater attention paid to a definite plan of improvement is to be brought about.

IN a Tournament game played on their home ground last Sunday morning, Recreio beat

### United Services Soccer XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehan (Middlesex); Freshwater (Middlesex); Layl (Navy); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phipps (Navy); Thorburn (Navy); Hossack (Royal Scots); Saw (Middlesex); Duffield (R.A.O.C.); Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Handy (Navy); Rides (R.A.O.C.); Pearson (Middlesex).

Nomads 2-0. Though they deserved to get home in a keen game, the Rees had to go all out, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

N. Beltrão scored two splendid goals in the first half, in which the winners, led by the speedy B. Gosano, did most of the attacking. And when they got into their stride, they were aggressive.

W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower of strength, and kept too brief a check on his younger brothers in the opposite attack. Tony Alves, the left half, also played well up to form, with young Z. Gosano taking the lion's share in the last line of defence. He covered his brother, "Old Doc" splendidly—the latter on occasions suffered from lack of oxygen.

The Rees showed fine combination, and should the team maintain last Sunday's form, there are very few teams left in the Tournament to defeat them.

Nomads, in the second half, predominated territorially, whilst in the first half Soares, their goal-keeper, was the outstanding player. The defence were inclined to get flustered when pressed, and a little more coolness and covering would perhaps have kept the score down. Beyond this, the defence played well, with R. J. Reed sharing many a keen tussle with his brother "W.A."

The return of S. A. Reed to the attack improved matters considerably, but again, the forwards in

### Rugby Football

## CLUB "A"-POLICE DRAW



Lt. Bdr. Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. Walte. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attendance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup.—Ming Yuen.

### Try Scored In Last Five Minutes

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY EVENING on the Club ground, the Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back than the stand-off halves through slow healing and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordinarily well in foot rushes, and gave Thomson no time in which to get the ball out to Charter. The result being that Charter had either to make a swift kick to touch or break away on his own.

Luscombe, at the base of the scrum for Police, was likewise embarrassed, and when he did pass out Leslie had difficulty in fielding his wild passes. Taylor, on the Police wing, was seldom in action, and generally found himself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

### POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on Club's left wing more than Lavalle. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good passes. Reynolds, of Police and opposite Van Leeuwen, although seldom seen in attack, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen in check.

In the lineouts Stout did well for Club, and had more success than Dempsey, Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick heel.

In the set scrums, "Salter" hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hard-working Police pack prevented a quick clean heel.

Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in instigating wheels.

### SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the kick.

In the closing minutes of the game, from a loose scrum on the Club line, Dempsey dived over to score after he had smuggled the ball from A. Taylor, of the Club. Wall just failed to convert from mid-way out.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club—A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalle; A. J. G. Taylor; C. F. Needham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; P. F. Wanklyn; K. W. Salter; E. W. Stout; Hynes; R. G. Castleton; W. Burford; L. A. Benn and W. Stoker.

Police—Wall; Reynolds; Jenner; Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler; Senior; Rose; Cullinan; Innes; Lewis; Dempsey and Riddell.

### Navy "A" 9 R.A.M.C. 5

AFTER BEING in arrears at the interval, the Navy "A" beat the Royal Army Medical Corps by 9 points (three tries) to five (a goal) at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Lt. Bax, at full-back; Mid. Tennant, at centre-three-quarters; and Mid. O'Riordan and St. Gallagher, the halves, were the pick of the Navy side, Gallagher being outstanding in his tackling and efforts to get his three-quarters away.

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth, their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul and Lt. Bax. He also added the goal points.

The second half was very much a repetition of the first, although Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mrs. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Navy back-division, gave them their second try, but failed in the closing stages Navy placed the issue beyond doubt when Mid. O'Riordan scored an unconverted try near the corner flag.

## Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war had not caused the cancellation of the St. Leger he would probably have been one of the few triple crown winners.

He had already won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the Eclipse Stakes.

Blue Peter won most of the stake money brought to his owner, whose total was £30,464 with his horses in fourteen races.

And he gave both Lord Rosebery and Jack Jarvis their first Derby victory.

Horses under the care of Jack Jarvis won £50,210, and he finished the season more than £20,000 in front of J. Lawson, his nearest rival.

The Aga Khan had his worst season since 1926, for his horses won only ten races worth £10,707.

Next best to Lord Rosebery was Lord Derby, whose horses won twenty-four races worth £22,275, and then Lord Glenelg, who won £19,187 in twenty-four races.

For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became the champion jockey, with 165 winners.

He has ridden 2,586 winners during his career, and is only 160 behind Fred Archer's full total.

A totalisator record was set up. The takings on the Derby, £61,008, were a record for any one race.

### Diocesan Boys Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs.

La Salle College scored only 18 (L. D'Almada 3, Burch four for two, White three for two), while Diocesan Boys totalled 52 (Macaulay 34, Arculli five for 10, L. D'Almada five for 20).

general lacked attacking skill. P. Rull and B. Xavier, however, formed a most dangerous combination. Flay was fast and interesting—the Nomads were again beaten by better forwards.

THE new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action for the first time last Sunday when they defeated a weak C.B.A. team 1-0. Several well-known players from the Radio, Police and Army are included in the team, and once this new combination gets going they should give a very good account of themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and though they were hard-pressed, V. Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler were always in the picture.

NEXT Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on their home ground, at Sookunpoo, the Royal Engineers will be given their first severe test in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, when they meet the Radio and Postal Sports Club, who are the present champions.

Carter, I believe, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he has now fully recovered from his knee operation.

The Sappers possess the best record in the tournament, but they will have to give their best if they hope to subdue the champions.

The game should be interesting and worth watching.

### Polish Tennis Star Now A Waitress

A REPORT from Warsaw that Mile. Jadwiga Jedrzejska, Poland's leading lawn tennis player, and a number of other prominent Polish sportsmen and women, are working as waiters and waitresses in restaurants.

Mile. Jedrzejska was London grass-court champion, and a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, when she was beaten by Miss Rend.

Fears had been expressed for the safety of Mile. Jedrzejska. She was in Warsaw a week before the German invasion, and it was believed that she was still there when the city was bombed and shelled.

## Stooges Win R.A. Polo Final

THE STOOGES beat the World Workers by 4-2 in the final of the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Competition yesterday at Boundary Street.

Mrs. Peters, wife of Commodore A. M. Peters, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

The World Workers opened in overwhelming style, and inside seven minutes had scored twice through Lewis and Bousfield. It was not until near the end of the first chukker that the Stooges reduced the score to 2-1.

Some little while after the commencement of the second chukker, Colson levelled the scores with a brilliant backhand shot.

The Stooges took the lead in the third chukker through Nicholson, and though several great efforts were made by the World Workers to draw level again, the fourth and deciding goal came during the final chukker, when Nicholson scored again.

The teams were: Stooges—Major P. J. L. Penfold, Lt. Colson, Capt. A. V. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith.

World Workers—L. A. Lewis, J. K. Bousfield, Major P. B. Whitehead (two chukkers), and Commodore A. M. Peters.

### H.K.C.C. 2nd XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Rowleyn C.C. and XI on Saturday at Rowleyn:—E. J. A. Mitchell (capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, W. D. Stoker, A. T. Dow, J. Hackney, T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, M. T. M. Sutter.

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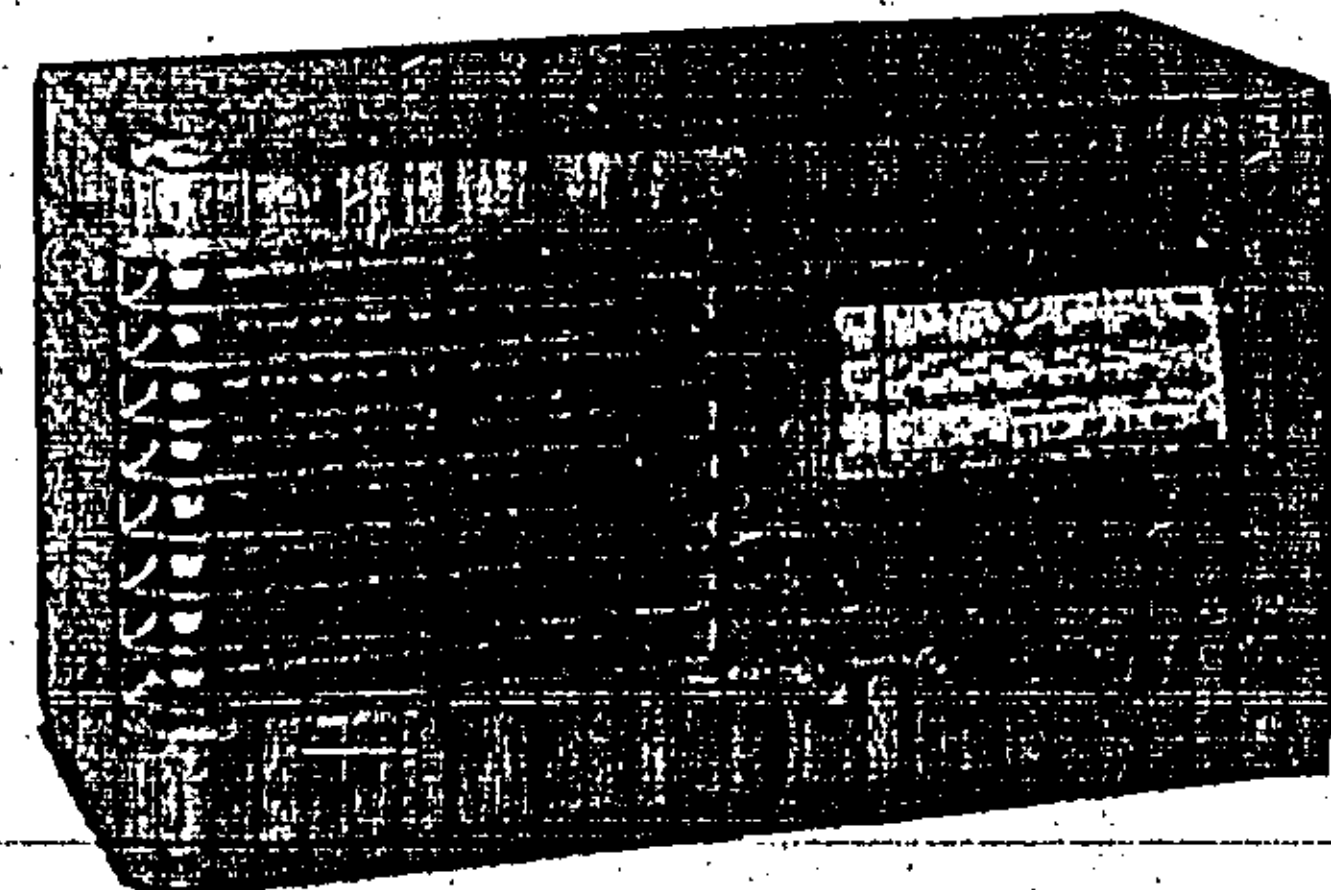
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The handsome Sheikh has his  
face stained brown (sun-tan  
make-up or a weak solution of  
iodine), and a black wool or  
burnt-cork beard.

His costume is a towelling  
bath-robe or dressing-gown,  
sashed with any vivid scarf.

Head-dress is a sheet secured  
round the head with heavy cord  
and wrapped round the neck.  
Another sheet or a blanket or  
rug makes the cloak.

He wears beach sandals or  
bedroom slippers on bare feet.

A young and slender girl will  
plan her Bridge Table costume  
as illustrated. Owners of less  
lovely limbs will prefer a full-  
length skirt. In the former  
case a black jumper, in the latter  
a plain black dress is the basis,  
and it is sewn with cards, the  
various suits cut out in felt, and  
(if available) pierced coins.

The apron, a piece of green baize  
as used for cutlery canteens, is  
similarly decorated.

Cards are attached to a plain  
headband for the crown and  
bridge-markers are hung from  
the waist.

The Surrealist costume (a  
similar one can easily be devised

for a man) is capable of varia-  
tion according to individual  
fancy.

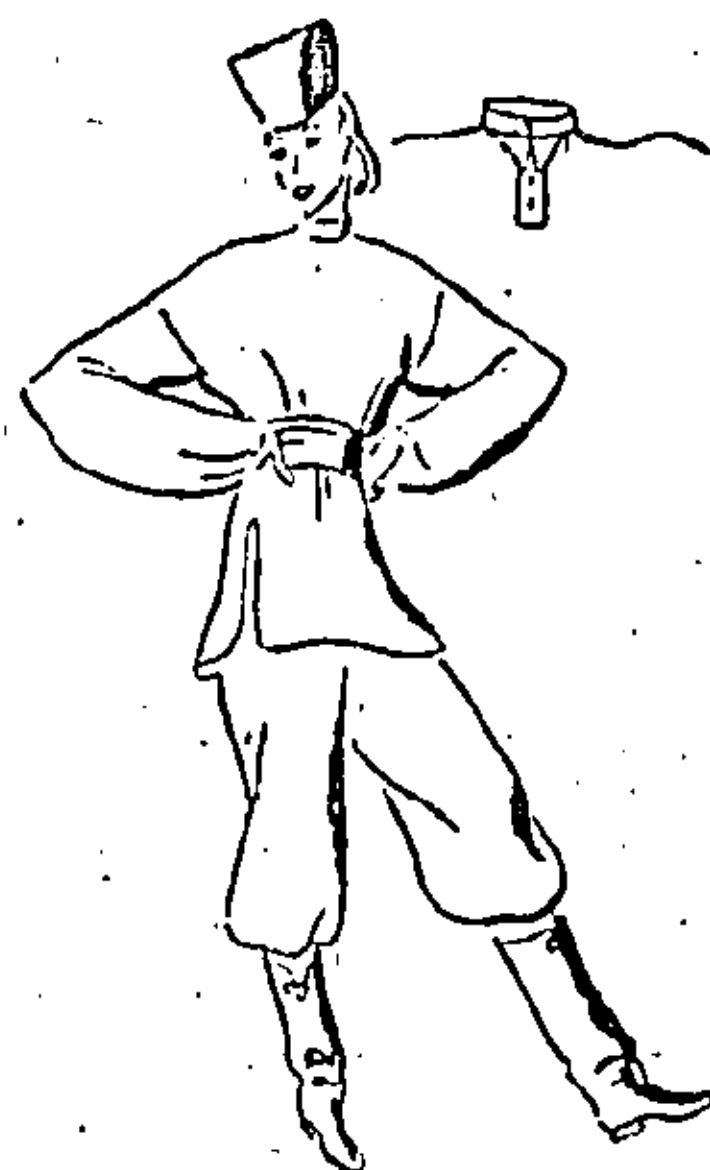
It is suggested that the head  
be draped with black or white  
material surmounted by a lamp-  
shade frame trimmed with arti-  
ficial flowers or paper chains.  
Another wreath adorns the neck.

A sheet makes an effective  
cape over a plain black even-  
ing dress.

From the cord girdle hang an  
assortment of things (or card-  
board cut-outs; these should



Bridge Table costume.  
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Equally effective for either  
sex: Russian costume.



Striking Surrealist dress  
for a woman.

Include at least one shoe, its heel  
decorated with a cutlet frill.

Stitch to the dress newspaper  
pictures or shapes cut from felt,  
including a large "mouth" on  
the bodice. Wear, if you can  
find them, black cotton gloves.

The Russian costume (good  
for either sex) is effective if it  
is done like this. Wear a man's  
white tennis shirt back to front;  
the collar should be stitched to-  
gether and the points removed;  
the tails are cut level.

The shirt should blouse slight-  
ly over a vivid sash, preferably  
red. Choose wide trousers  
pyjama, and tuck them into  
Russian, Wellington or riding  
boots. The hat is easily made  
with a cylinder of cardboard  
made to fit the head and covered  
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or felt.

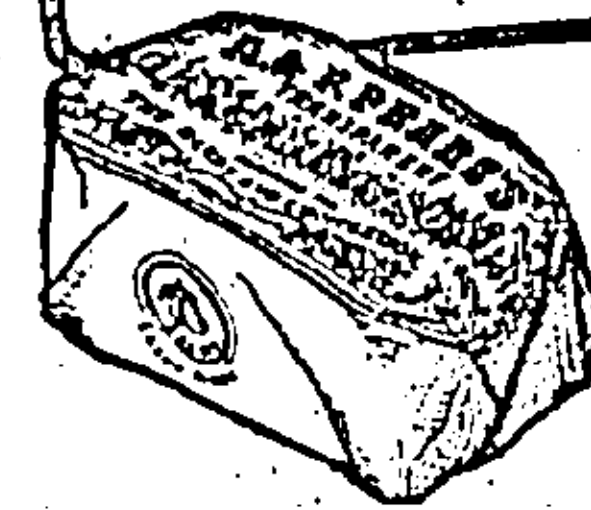


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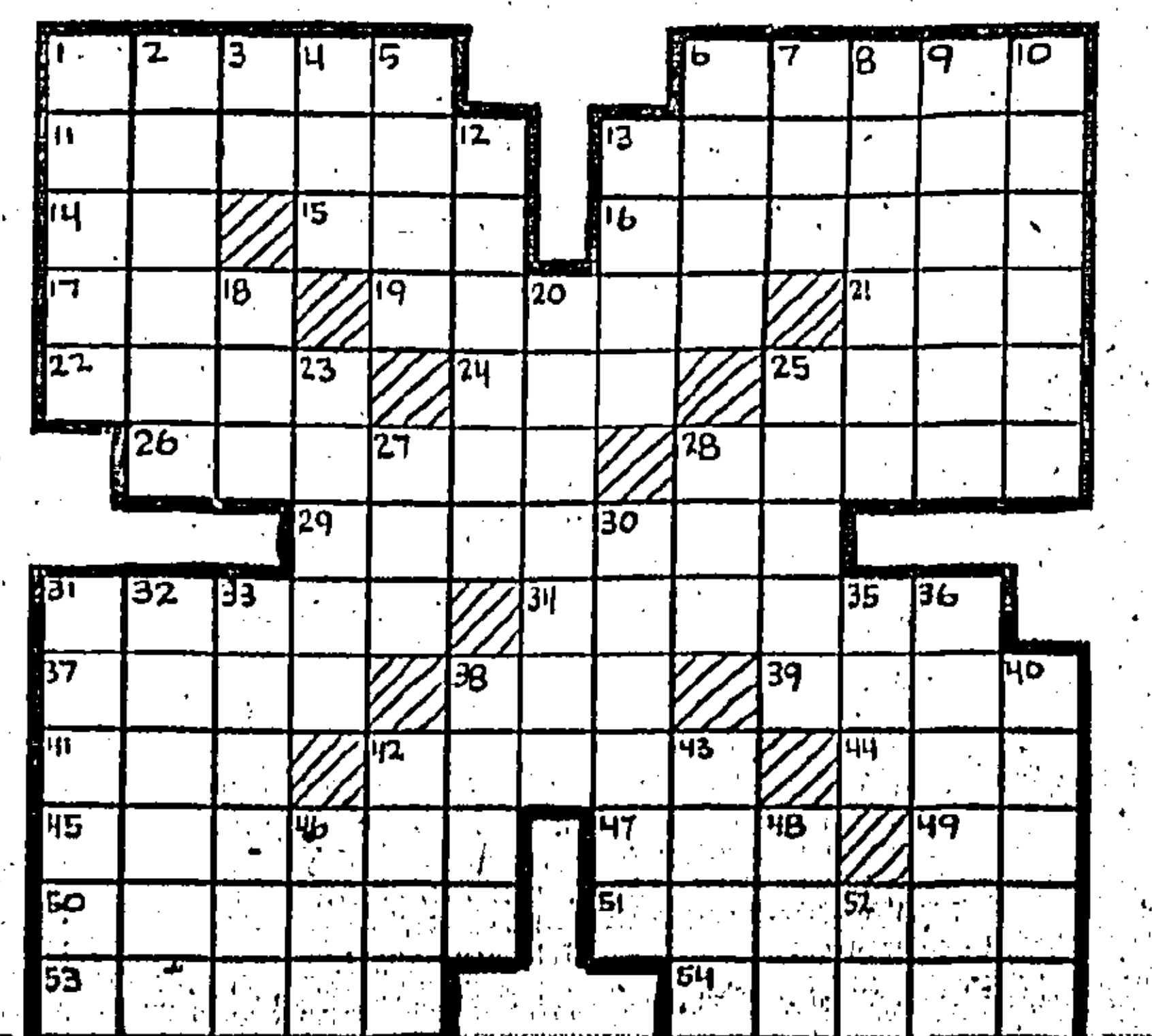
ACROSS

- 1-Indicators
- 2-Dundie of straw
- 3-Attacks
- 4-Viscer
- 5-You and me
- 6-To the right
- 7-Body of water
- 8-Piece of furniture
- 9-Deprecating exclamation
- 10-Horn navigator
- 11-Hail
- 12-Urgeful
- 13-Resolute
- 14-Kind of race-horse
- 15-Jigsaw puzzle
- 16-Date of going work
- 17-Frown
- 18-Dry
- 19-Refresh
- 20-Burn
- 21-Valuable metal
- 22-Amount of medicine
- 23-Stein
- 24-More heated
- 25-Fare of stage
- 26-Inter, particular
- 27-Liquids of fate
- 28-London street

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- 1-Web
- 2-Put in
- 3-Under name of
- 4-Lark
- 5-Let it stand
- 6-Butler
- 7-Part of pig
- 8-Amorous
- 9-Make certain
- 10-Shackle
- 11-Part of year
- 12-Enlight
- 13-Atmosphere
- 14-Dialect
- 15-Named
- 16-Strad ladies
- 17-Very sailor
- 18-Animal's foot
- 19-Toothed wheels
- 20-Lark
- 21-Part of year
- 22-Vermilion
- 23-Remark
- 24-Large beetles
- 25-Stein apart
- 26-Lark
- 27-Taken seat
- 28-Blind
- 29-Professional (col.)
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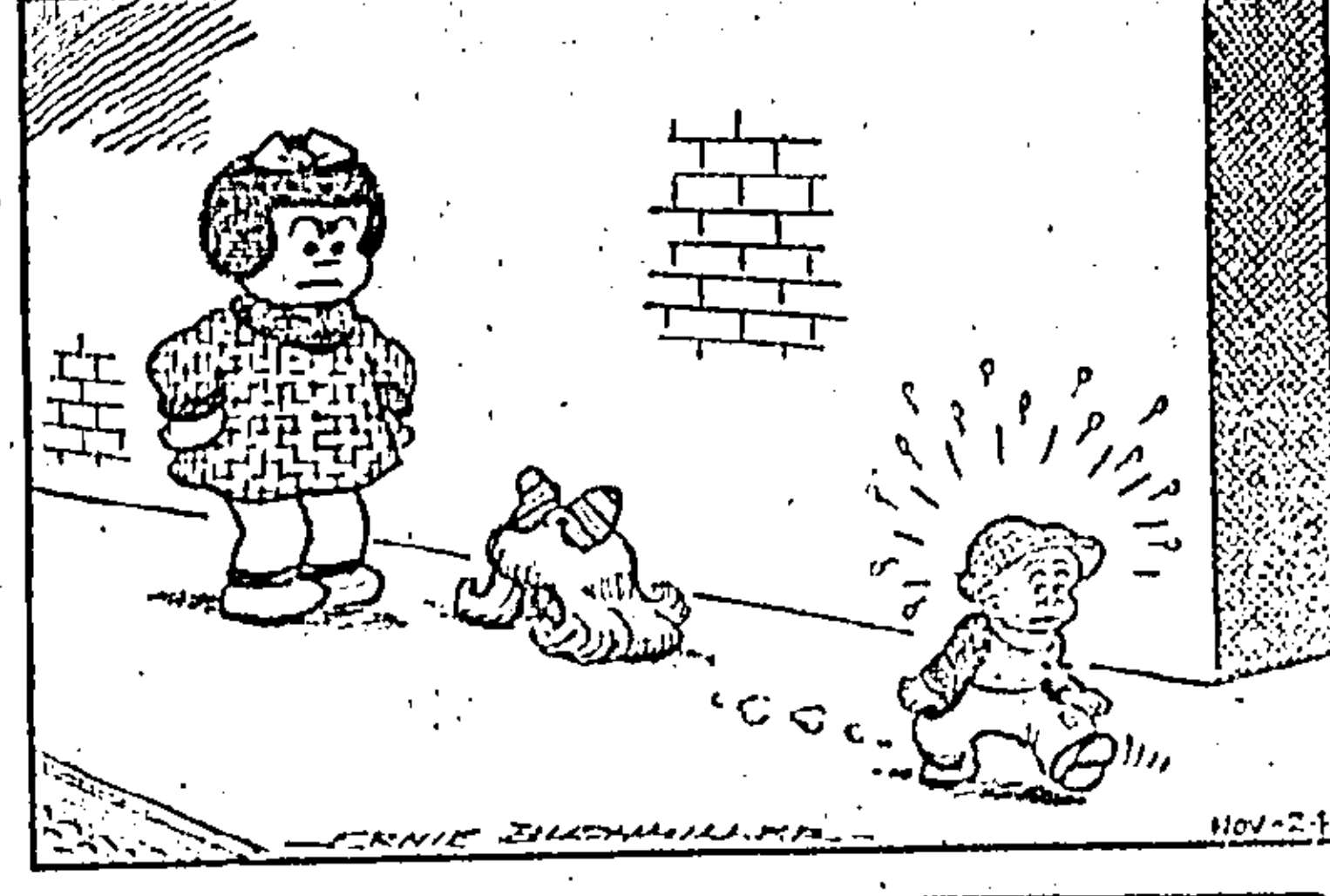
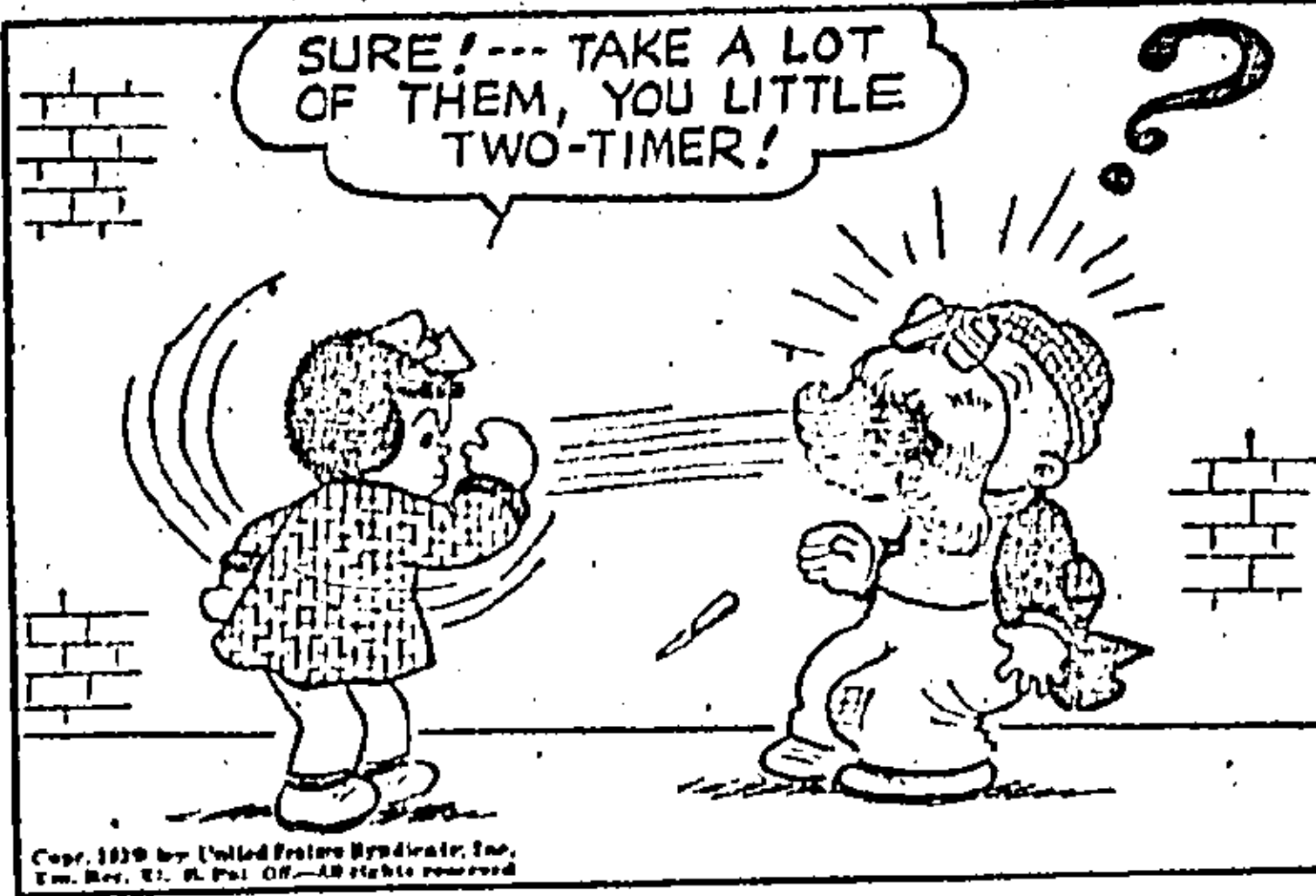
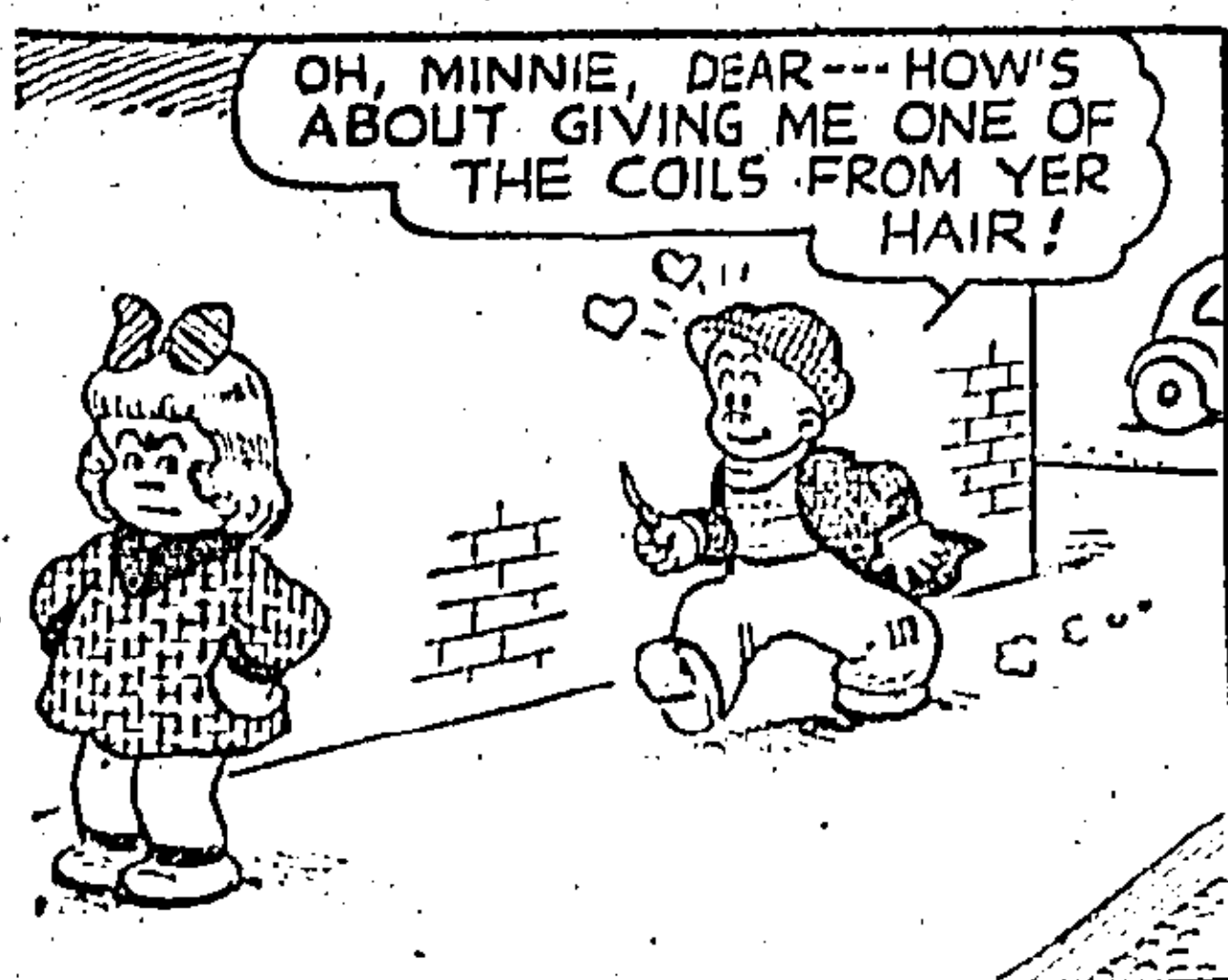
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### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1889.  
Bright and clear, if seasonally chilly, was Xmas Day in this "chief gem of Britannia's crown", as Sir Jaffe called Hongkong. And, we venture to think, in no place in England's dominions was it more thoroughly enjoyed—at any rate by the European population, from the excellent down even to the brooking element. Every hotel, shop, club and private house was duly decorated, though mistletoe is a trifle dear out here; and in the matter of good cheer every climate contributed from Shanghai wild-duck and game generally to tropical fruits from the Philippines, whilst our friends in Queen's Road supplied probably many more luxuries than the majority of residents here, would have revelled in the good old country. The Berlin Foundling Home was as happy as ever. Pastor and Mrs. Hartmann, having many willing assistants, and there was the usual well-laden Christmas tree. The guardians of our peace had their accustomed "good time" at the various stations. At the Central the decorations were exceedingly tasteful, the mess-room being gay with flags and appropriate mottoes.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1914.  
The "Temps" declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe, on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively pursued for the arrival intervention of the Japanese Army in Europe.

A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Temps", to the following view as to the probable duration of the war, his estimate being based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.  
He divides the war into six periods—two past, one present and three to come.  
The first period was the advance through Belgium into France.  
The second period was the battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne.  
The third period is that of the fighting on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle of the Somme.  
The fourth and fifth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Rhine. The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.  
He estimates that the battle for Calais will not completely end before the beginning of December. He assigns a period of five months to the battle of the Somme, but the April or the beginning of May, 1916. The campaign on the Rhine should last nearly twice as long—that is to say, until February, 1916.  
The final march to Berlin and negotiations for peace should bring the war to an end with the final withdrawal of the Allied armies of occupation in 1917.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1929.  
The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at Southampton from New York aboard the ss. Olympic, which flew the Japanese flag at the foremast. The delegation was greeted by the Mayor.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: On reopening after the holidays, the market displayed a welcome degree of steadiness.

Buyers	Sellers
ILK. Bank	\$1345
Docks	\$1970
Providents	\$414
Tramways	\$16.00
Yanmell Ferries	\$2334
Cements	\$16.00
Watsons	\$8.80
Entertainments	\$8.00
Constructions (old)	\$137
Telephones (old)	\$26
Sales	\$425
Union Ins.	\$101/2/70
Docks	\$17
Tramways	\$5234
Electric	
Manila Gold Shares	
Atoks	20 s
Antanok	10 1/2 b
Barato Gold	17 s
Batong Bulhay	014 s
Big Wedge	24 s
Coco Grove	17 s
Com. Mines	0035 s
Demonstration	11 1/2 s
East Mindanao	11 s
I.K.L.	42 s
Ips Gold	14 1/2 b
Hogon Mining	32 s
Mambulo Con.	02 s
Masbate Con.	12 s
Mind. Motherlode	004 s
Mine Operation	11 1/2 s
North Camarines	10 1/2 b
Paracale Gumous	10 s
San Mauricio	20 s
Sarigao Con.	15 1/2 s
Sayoc Con.	026 s
Syndicate Inv.	35 s
United Paracale	5.65 s
Benquet Con.	

### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1934.  
An admission that Memel Nazi Storm Troop detachments together with the Prussian Storm Troop detachments, had plotted to seize Memel by violence and to take into the German fold this portion of Lithuania, was made by one of the 126 accused to-day, a man named Molinnus.  
The 126 accused are all Nazis, court-martialed on December 14, for plotting to seize Memel and to murder certain "traitors". Seven of these "traitors" all of them loyal Lithuanian Government servants, were murdered. Some of the accused face murder charges also.  
Molinnus pleaded guilty from the beginning. He is said to have declared that two Memel Nazi organizations had close relationship with the German Consul-General in Memel; and that Dr. Ernst Neumann, leader of the Nazi party in Memel, was appointed Herr Hitler's deputy for the section.  
The Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, stationed on the outskirts of Saarbrücken, to-day carried out their first long route march.  
The cheerful and friendly demeanour of the men, and their disciplined bearing, are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The Saar frontiers were closed to-day and until after the Plebiscite only those foreigners will be admitted to the territory whose passports have been specially viced.

## Canon Says "Ragging was a Disgrace to College"

# VARSIITY MEN 'DEBAG' CONCHIE

But it had 'nothing to do with his views'

MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY students ragged twenty-one-year-old James Hurst. They "de-bagged" him. But they deny that they did it because he is a conscientious objector.

When Mr. Hurst, son of a Dury clergyman, was registered as a conscientious objector, his god-father, Canon Peter Green, chaplain to the King, supported the application.

Canon Green said: "Hurst has endured persecution for his outlook among the students. There has been vulgar ragging which was a disgrace to any college."

"If it is that occurrence to which you refer as vulgar ragging which was a disgrace to any college, I feel that such emphasis on what was a very minor incident is most unfair to other students."

"At no time has he been persecuted for his outlook, either moral or political, and any ragging which might have occurred has been no more than might be expected by any student."

### Trousers Returned

This is what they said:—  
MR. JONES: Hurst was "debagged" by six students. His trousers were handed back to him immediately.

MR. HURST: I was only "debagged" once. It does not happen often in the college I wish it had not been brought up. I would rather not say anything about persecution or ragging, except that it is not fair to blame the college for an isolated instance after a lecture.

CANON GREEN: I've had the union letter, but I still stand by what I said in court without his left in a corridor without his trousers. That sort of thing isn't done. It's un-English and a "little too Nazi."

Mr. Hurst, an electrical engineering student, living in Dalton Hall, Manchester, has had one anonymous letter since his appearance before the tribunal.  
He said: "I threw it away. It's all best forgotten."

## Will Hitler meet the ex-Kaiser?

WILL Hitler meet the ex-Kaiser—in Holland?  
Right in the path of the Nazi armies, should they march to seize the Dutch ports, lies the Castle of Doorn.  
There the last German Dictator spends his exile years.

## Secret bride inherits a fortune

CAPTAIN EDMUND BUTLER CHARTERIS, who shot himself in his flat in Arlington House, Piccadilly, last July, two months after his secret marriage to his second wife, has left her almost all of his £143,000 fortune.

Mrs. Charteris, famous among socialites for her smart clothes and dark, Spanish-type beauty, was thirty-four when she married Captain Charteris. He was sixty-eight—had been living in a bachelor apartment, with a housekeeper to look after him, for seventeen years since his first marriage was dissolved.

For a month after his secret wedding continued to live as a bachelor, going as usual to his work at the War Office, where he was private secretary to Sir Herbert Creedy, Under-Secretary of State.

Then he moved into the flat in Arlington House with his wife. A month later he was found shot. His will, published last week, shows that he left £143,288. He appointed settlement funds in favour of his wife during her life, left a few annuities to his servants and the rest of his money to his wife, on trust for life.

## Air Force blue is fashion tip

AIR FORCE blue is helping to keep wartime fashions gay. For women, believing in the psychological value of bright clothes, are making a stand against drabness.

Black-and-white will strike a contrasting note, and will be widely worn, but colours generally will be hardly less sober than in peace-time.

Dinner gowns will have long sleeves and high necks. Both have been decreed for warmth in case heating of halls and rooms is restricted. Velvet and wool will be popular evening dress materials.

Although day skirts will be slightly shorter, there will be no shortening or narrowing of evening dress skirts merely to save material.

Gay notes will be provided by embroidery, sequins and beads.

Hats will have a slightly military air, some models being based on the R.A.F. cap.

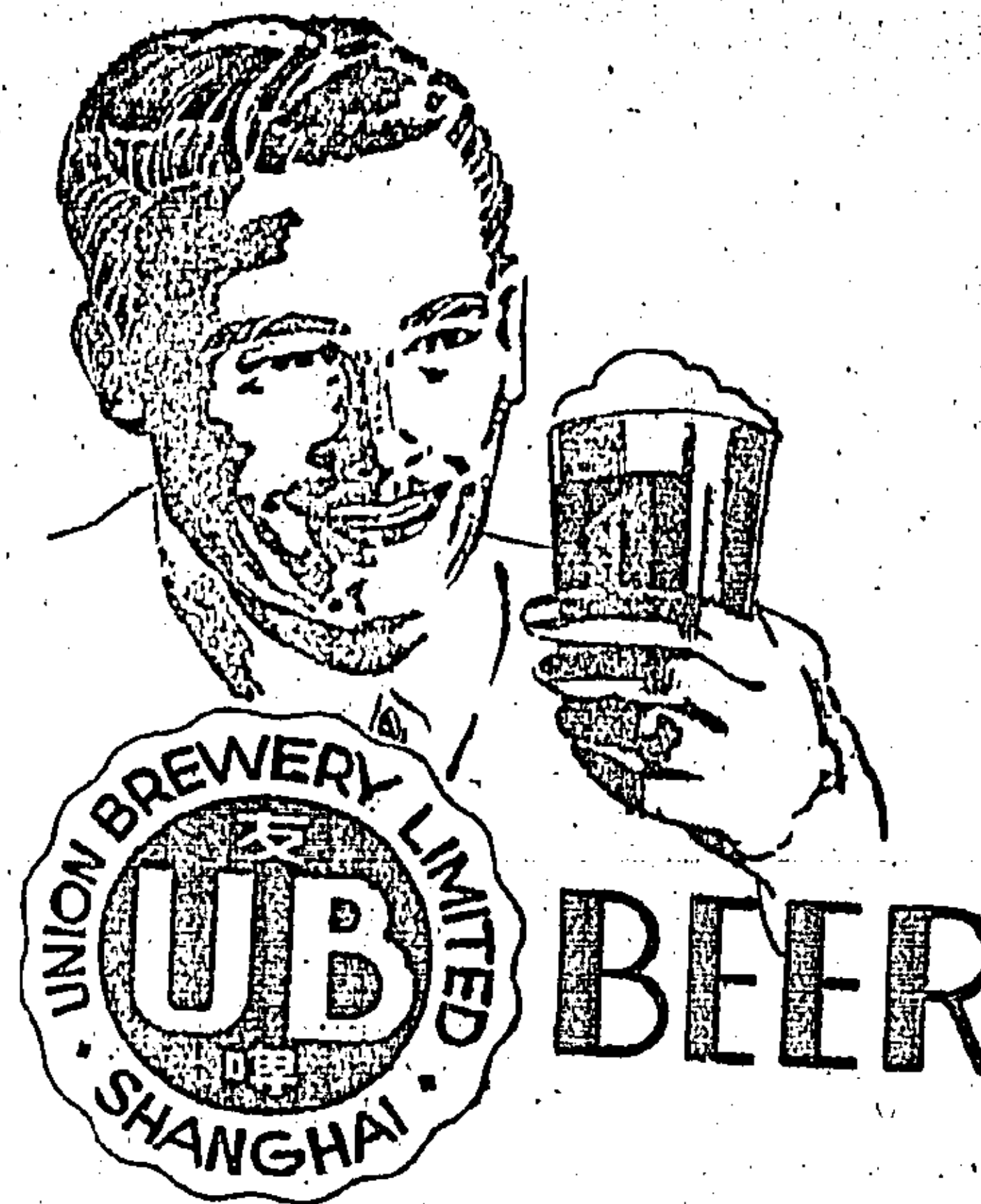
These forecasts of wartime fashions were given recently by Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, who has offered his services to the Government in the camouflage section.

## Decree Against Peer's Daughter

A divorce decree was granted in the Edinburgh Court of Session to Mr. John Tennant, forty-year-old son of the late Mr. H. J. Tennant, a former Secretary for Scotland and a brother of the Countess of Oxford and Asquith.

He alleged misconduct by his wife, the Hon. Antonia Mary Roby Honzon or Tennant with Mr. Cyril Redcliffe, a barrister, of Weymouth-street, W.

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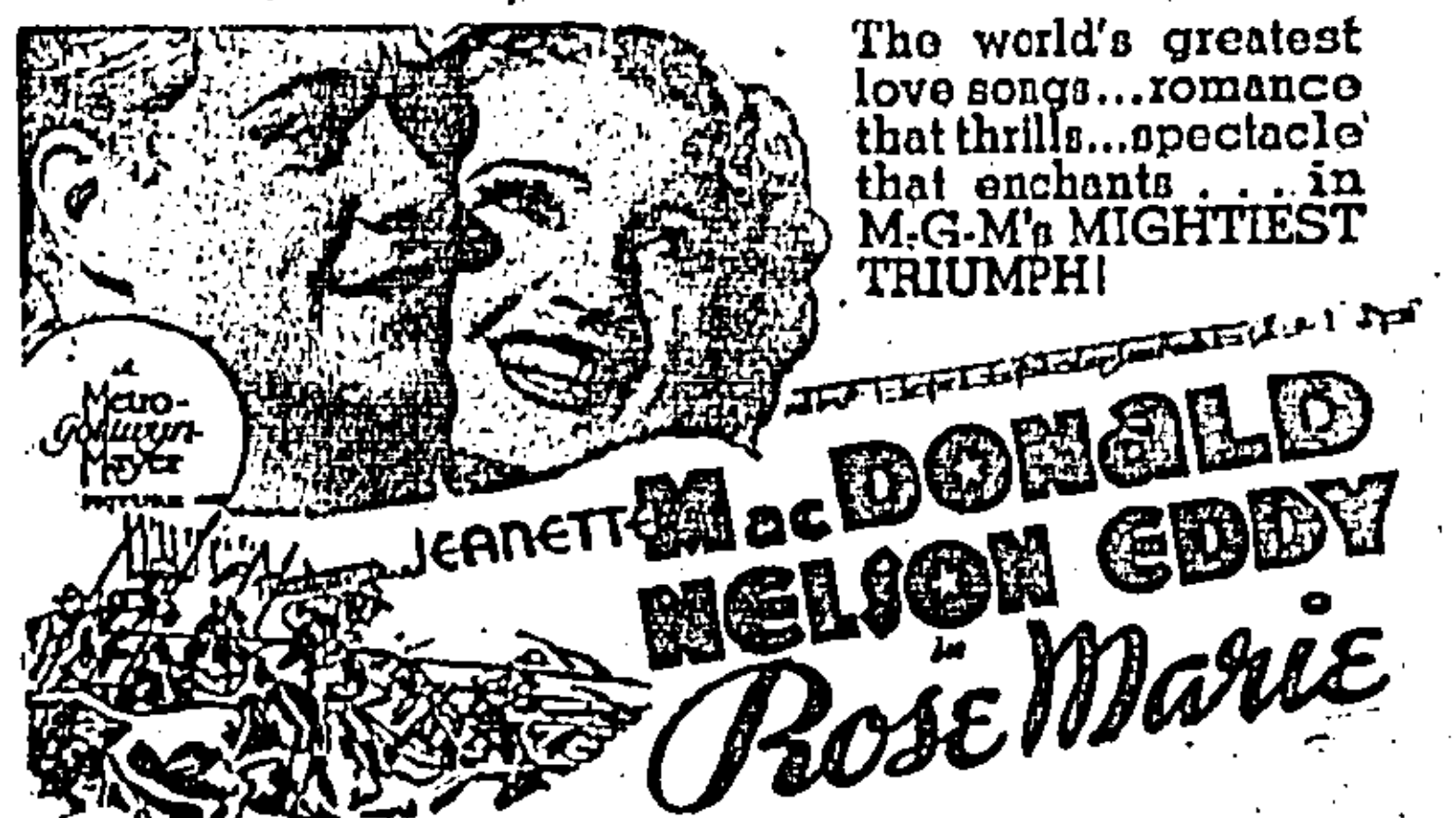
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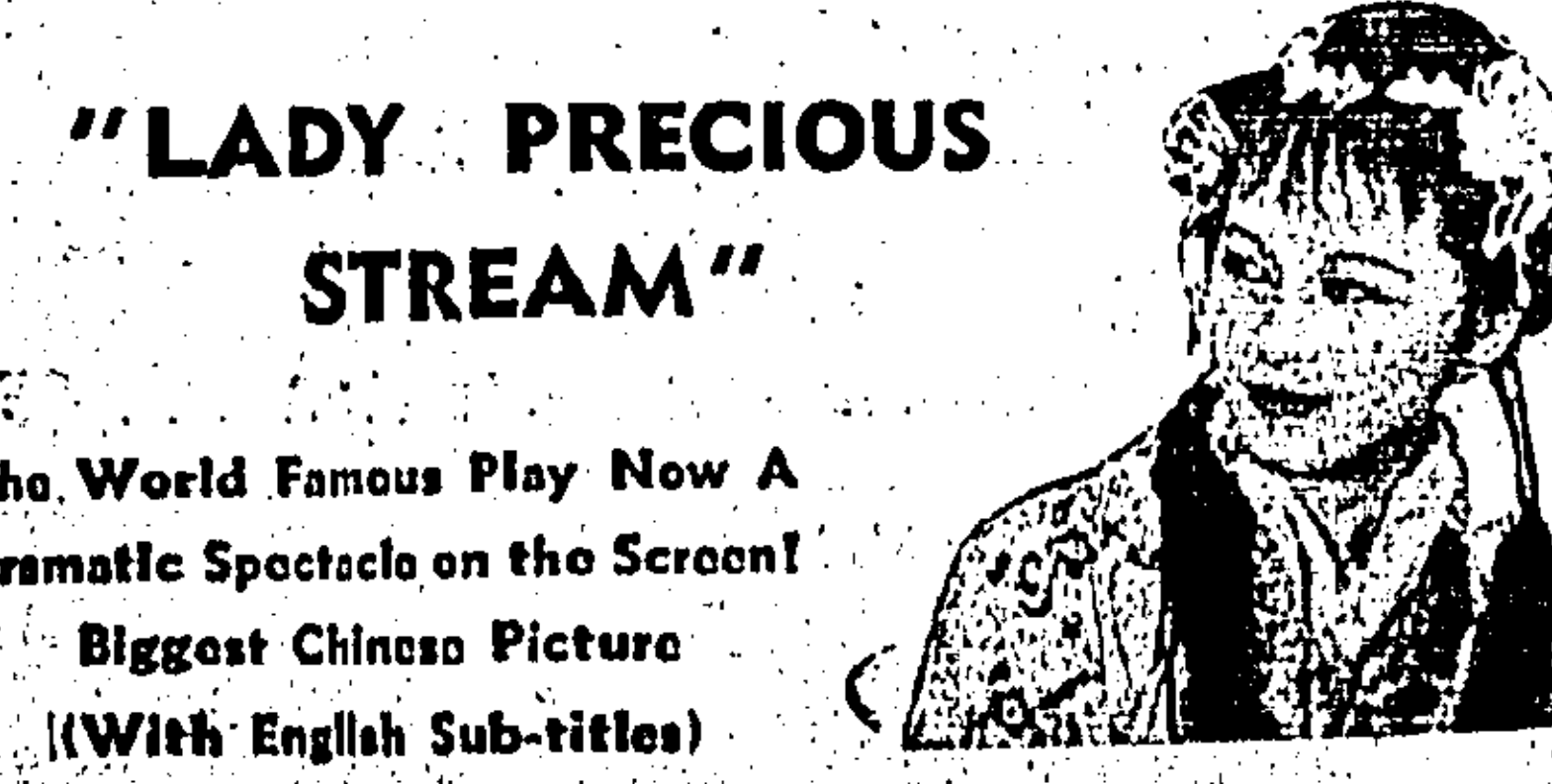


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## Horse-Sense For B.E.F.

Indian Mules Going To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Mules from India are now joining the B.E.F. in France, proving again that no war or military operations can safely be conducted without mules, writes "Reuter's" military correspondent.

The mule will retain his indispensability whatever the circumstances. It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles.

He was unequalled for pack-carrying across country when shell-fire had made the roads impassable.

### "Old Soldiers"

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with screw guns in the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns of Razmak or Wana.

Accompanied by the mule, transport columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations. Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again.

## NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Several leading Swiss newspapers today carry an advertisement of a Berlin company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enterprises.

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether there may not be concealed behind these advertisements a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products in neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral goods.

It is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

## BIG INFUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announces that gold imports during the week ending December 20 amounted to U.S. \$133,000,700, of which \$107,088,345 came from India and is believed to represent transshipments from the United Kingdom.

It is unofficially reported that approximately \$9,000,000 foreign gold has arrived on New York, reportedly from Scandinavia, Switzerland, India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 70 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland, 35 from Norway and six from Vera Cruz.

## Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon this morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine near Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and all vehicles were searched. Four men were arrested immediately after the theft occurred. So far about a quarter of a ton of stolen ammunition has been recovered.

## Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The President of the All-India Liberal Federation said that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Muslim League.

In reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

## 4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGH, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumfriesshire today.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man. Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stone-age man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

## French Contraband Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The French Contraband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24.

Forty thousand tons of merchandise were seized. Since the outbreak of war the French Navy has brought 217 ships into port and has seized a total of 402,000 tons of merchandise.

## K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities APPROVE NEW TYPE OF SEASON TICKETS

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Mannors, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almeida e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Grandelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with them.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer's report was presented and approved. This showed that during the month, making a total for the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.08.

Correspondence dealt with included letters to the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association regarding the nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.C., China Command, in regard to a nuisance occasioned to residents in the Jordan Road area; and to the Hongkong & Yunnan Railway Co. and the Star Ferry Co. in regard to life-saving appliances on ferries.

### Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket

In reply to a letter from the Association asking for particulars of the proposed alteration in children's bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. furnished full details of the proposed scheme.

They stated that, in view of established facts and other evidence all pointing to the necessity of more control over the use of these privilege tickets they had decided, rather than to adopt the alternative of total cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

Consequently, instead of issuing one ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets with days of the month (Sunday omitted) printed thereon will be issued. The holder will be required to produce the entire book to the conductor on purchasing on each trip, and four additional trips will be provided on the cover of the book to enable the holder to travel for renewing the ticket. These tickets would come into force on January 1st, 1940, and the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from that date.

### Considered Adequate

The proposed revised ticket was thoroughly considered by the Committee and it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of eight rides per day was adequate even for children who necessarily have to use two different routes. It was felt, however, that the withdrawal of the family ticket privilege would constitute a hardship to parents of large families who were least able to afford it, and it was therefore decided to deplore this cancellation and to request further consideration thereof by the Bus Company.

It was noted with pleasure that additional rolling stock was expected to arrive from England soon which should materially reduce the present congestion. In reply to a suggestion from the Association that the berths on the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at an Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a seconder. It was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

## FRENCH SANTAS FOR KIDDIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen.

The children were those of British naval men who lost their lives in the present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates.

A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Captain of the R.N.V.R.

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

## ANGLO-SWEDISH WAR-TIME PACT

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A wartime trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to war-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level. A joint Standing Committee will meet periodically in London or Stockholm to assist in the smooth operation of the arrangements contemplated under the agreement.

## Astonishing Customs Figures

Favourable Balance For "Free China"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Customs returns and figures for the first three quarters of 1939, both for "Free China" and the occupied areas, were published in the Bank of China's "Financial Review" today.

According to these statistics, Customs in "Free China" registered a favourable international balance of \$3,045,000 (national dollars) while the figures for the occupied areas, including the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon, show an unfavourable foreign balance of \$405,110,000.

The adverse balance of international payments in the Customs under Japanese occupation amounted to \$269,173,000, while that in the parts of Shanghai and Kowloon, "which suffered more or less from Japanese interference" was estimated at \$155,042,000.

### Chungking's Adverse Balance

Chungking shows an adverse balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhoi and Mengtze both record favourable balances of over \$13,000,000.

Wenchow has a favourable balance of over \$9,000,000 while Hsienhsin shows an adverse balance of nearly \$200,000,000 "owing to the large imports of Japanese goods into North China."

Kiaochow, Chinwangtao and Chefoo show adverse balances of \$45,000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 respectively.

### Smuggling Problem

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—In an attempt to halt the smuggling of goods into "Free China" from the occupied areas, the Chinese Government has decided to establish special inspection offices to keep a careful check on all goods entering the war area, it is announced here today.

During the past year, large amounts of Japanese goods are said to have been smuggled into "Free China," particularly through Hankow via Ichang.

It is alleged that the Japanese authorities are giving facilities to smugglers for the transit of goods up the river from Hankow for transshipment into Szechuen Province.

Large-scale smuggling is said to be depriving the Chinese Government of considerable revenue, and enabling the Japanese to push the sale of their goods in China.

## Mexican Oil Control

President Cardenas' Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Government has approved the law drafted by President Cardenas which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans, from exploiting oil.

The law also abolishes oil royalties hitherto paid to landowners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through oil working.

Mexicans excepted under this law, must be financially, technically, morally and physically capable of carrying out the work of exploitation.

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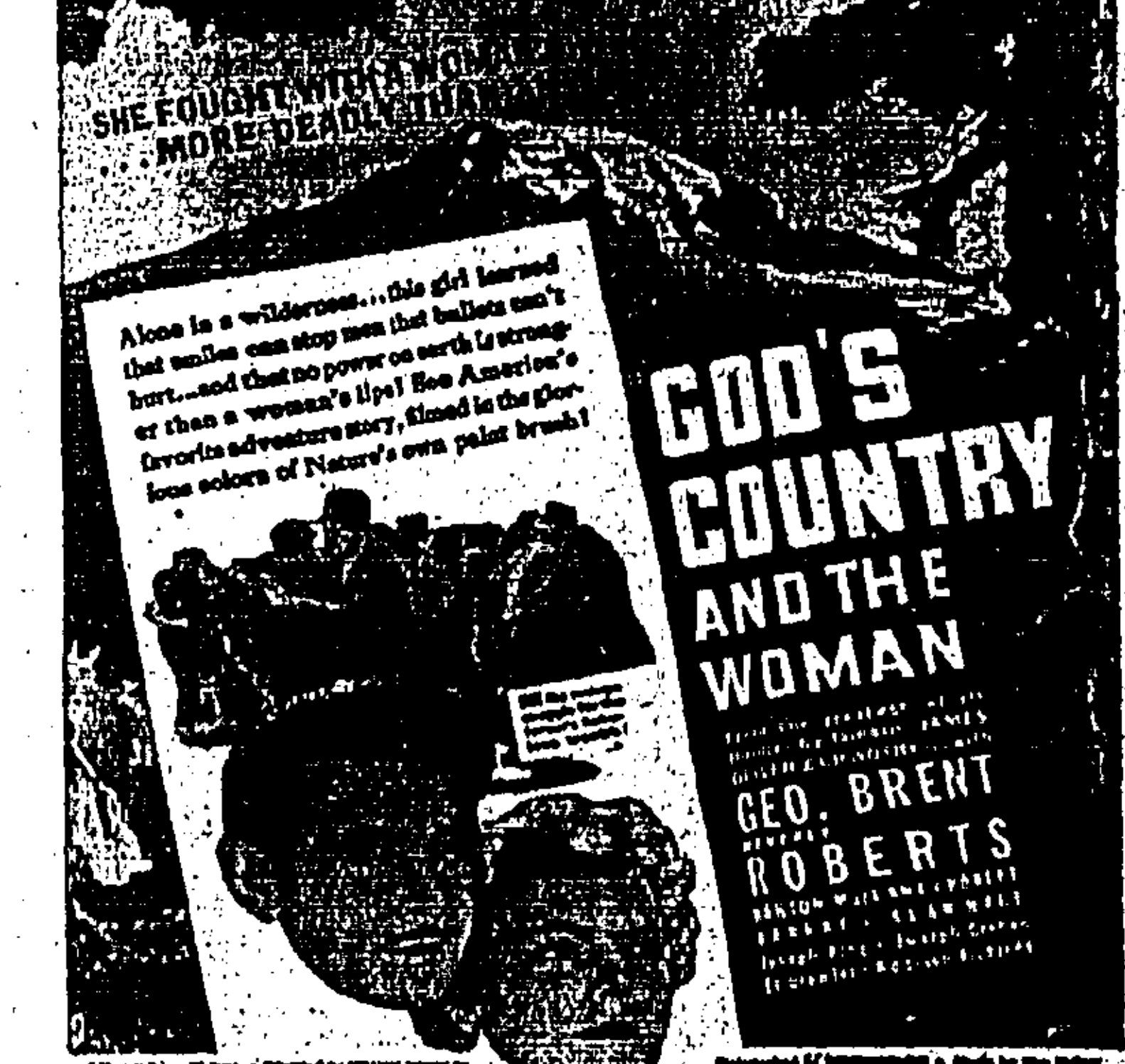
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# Imagination Was Too Vivid

## Nazi Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely visited where the aircraft carrier was.

The Nazis said the announcer would never give out information which was not true. They therefore could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical broadcast from Zee-sen, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch lighting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she once had been.

## "JUNE" SUES HUSBAND

SANTA BARBARA, California. Mrs. Edward Hillman, jun., formerly Lady Inverclyde, is suing her husband for a maintenance allowance. They were married at Cannes in August, 1937, and afterwards lived at Beverly Hills.

As "June" Mrs. Hillman, jun., was one of the leading musical comedy actresses in the years after the last war.

In 1929 she married Lord Inverclyde. The marriage was dissolved in 1933.

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

## Russo-Bulgarian Trade Talks

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria are expected to open late to-night.

The Bulgarian Mission, consisting of six delegates, is headed by the Minister of Finance.

The Mission arrived in Moscow yesterday morning.

# G. R.

## PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshupo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 3507 and 3508, King's Road.	As per sale plan.	13,750	£250	\$21625

# G. R.

## PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Conduit Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Upset Price
3	Garden Lot No. 111, Adjoining Inland Lot No. 981, Conduit Road.	As per sale plan.	2750	\$10	\$350

# POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m.

## INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date, 18th December, Dec. 29.  
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Dec. Canton Dec. 29.  
Shanghai Dec. 29.  
Sundakan Dec. 29.  
Saidan Dec. 29.  
U.S.A. Hongkong Japan Direct (San Francisco date, 3rd December) Dec. 29.  
Japan and Shanghai Dec. 30.  
Shanghai Dec. 30.  
Almali by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London Date 23rd Dec. 31.  
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane Dec. 31.  
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa Dec. 31.  
Japan Dec. 31.  
London and Straits Dec. 31.  
Shanghai and Amoy Dec. 31.  
Shanghai Dec. 31.  
Straits and Saigon Dec. 31.  
Haliphong and Hoilow Jan. 1.  
Haliphong, Hoilow and Fort Bayard Jan. 1.  
Straits Jan. 1.  
Almali by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—Paris date 27th Dec. 31.  
June 3.  
Japan Jan. 3.  
Java and Manila Jan. 3.  
Straits and Manila Jan. 3.  
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 9th Dec. 1939) Jan. 3.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, Dec. 28  
Friday, Dec. 29  
Bangkok 8.30 a.m.  
Saidan 8.30 a.m.  
Sundakan 8.30 a.m.  
Parcel only for Tientsin 10.30 a.m.  
Bangkok 1.30 p.m.  
Parcel only for Haliphong 1.30 p.m.  
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan 1.30 p.m.  
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamau and Tulage 2.30 p.m.  
Japan 3.30 p.m.  
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 10th January.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Parcels Dec. 28, 5 p.m.  
Reg. Dec. 30, 8.45 a.m.  
Ord. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcells—due London, 6th February.  
G.P.O. and K.P.O.  
Parcels Dec. 28, 5 p.m.  
Reg. Dec. 30, 8.45 a.m.  
Ord. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 30  
Saigon 10.30 a.m.  
Haliphong 2.00 p.m.  
Shanghai, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcells for Canada) due San Francisco, 17th January, 1940.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Parcels 11.00 a.m.  
Reg. 12.45 p.m.  
Ord. 1.30 p.m.  
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.  
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th January 1940.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Reg. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 7th January.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Reg. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 5.30 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th January and London Parcells—due London, 6th February.  
G.P.O. & K.P.O.  
Parcels Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.  
Reg. Jan. 1, 8.45 a.m.  
Ord. Jan. 1, 9.30 a.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 31  
Canton 7.15 a.m.  
Shanghai 9.00 a.m.  
Parcel only for Tientsin 9.00 a.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 2  
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya 9.30 a.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th January.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.  
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 8th January.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. Jan. 2, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 2, 5.30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 3  
Shanghai 8.30 a.m.  
Amoy 2.30 p.m.  
Almali for Indo-China, Java and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 11th January.  
K.P.O.  
Reg. Jan. 3, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 3, 5.30 p.m.  
G.P.O.  
Reg. Dec. 31, 5 p.m.  
Ord. Jan. 2, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Jan. 4  
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.  
Manila 3.30 p.m.

# Exchange At A Glance

## SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand do	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	300
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	108 1/4
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

## BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	20 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.94 1/2

# H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	Value
H.K. Banks	1,345 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£262 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£285 n.
Chartered & Co.	20 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	20 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	7 1/2 n.

INSURANCES	Value
Canton	200 b.
Union	425 n.
China Underwriter	1 1/4 n.
H.K. Fire	185 n.

SHIPPING	Value
Douglas	71 1/2 b.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 b.
Indo-China D.S.	100 b.
Shell (Receivers) s/-	80 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKETS ETC.	Value
Wharves	102 n.
Docks	19.80 b.
Providents	4.60 n.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	195 n.

MINING	Value
Kullian s/-	17/6 n.
Haubs s/- ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

LANDS	Value
Hotels	4.90 b.
Land s/-	14 n.
Land s/- do	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	11 1/4 n.
Bumprays	8.00 n.
H.K. Realities	4.35 n.
Chinese Estates s/- ex. div.	101 n.

UTILITIES	Value
Trams	17 b. & n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	67 b.
Y. Ferries	23 1/4 b.
China Lights (old)	7.00 n.
China Lights (new)	4.85 b.
H.K. Electric	52.75 sa.
Mueno Electric	38 1/2 n.
Sundakan Lights ex. div.	11.00 n.
Telephones (old)	25 n.
Telephones (new)	9 b.
Traction s/-	18/3 n.
Traction (Pref.) s/-	18/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS	Value
Cold. Macg. (Ord.)	14.80 n.
Cold. Macg. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement s/-	10.70 b.
H.K. Ropes	6 b.

STORES, &c.	Value
Dairy Farms (old)	21 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	20.30 b.
Watson	8.85 b.
Lane, Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Shanghai s/-	1.60 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	1 n.
Fowell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	Value
Ewo Sh.	20 1/4 n.
Shal Cotton Sh. s/- ex. div.	102 n.
Zhong Sing Sh.	42 n.
Wing On Textile Sh.	48 1/2 n.

RAILS	Value
H.K. Entertainments	6 1/4 n.
Constructions (old)	1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
C. Govt.	1925
C. Bonds	48 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	103 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan	87 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

## MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
Antamok	18 1/2 B	27
Alco	18	18
Baguio Gold	18	18
Batung Duhay	0 1/4	0 1/4
Bentley Cons.	1 1/2	5 1/2 B
Big Wedge	2 1/2	24 1/2
Coco Grove	1	10 1/2 B
Cons. Mines	2 1/2	403 B
Demonstration	1 1/2	41 1/2 B
East Mindanao	1 1/2	11 1/2
ICL	12	41
Ipo Gold	11	10
Hogan Mining	21	22
Mambulo Cons.	12	42 B
Masbate Cons.	12	12
Mind. Botoc Cons.	0 1/2	69 1/2
Mine Operations	1 1/2	11 1/4
North Camarines	18	17
Paracale Cons.	10 1/2	10 1/2 B
San Maurice	14	14
Surireno Cons.	20 1/2	30 B
Suyo Cons.	2 1/2	14 1/2
Syndicate Invest.	22	22 1/2
United Paracale	30	35

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:  
The Manila Gold Share market closed steadily with a good undertone after a fairly active morning session. The average was slightly off on a good volume.  
Suyoc and I.C.L. lost one centavo to go ex-dividend, while Antamok went ex-dividend to remain unchanged. San Maurice advanced two centavos and North Camarines rose one.  
Dec. 27, Dec. 28, Morning  
Volume of business done 1,700 Pa 625,500  
Gold Share Av. 61.33 63.01

# 6,000 DEAD IN ASIA MINOR UPEAVALS

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told the "Telegraph" this morning. The maximum recording in Hongkong was 40 millimetres, indicating that the shock was tremendous.

"There will undoubtedly be a lot of damage if the epicentre occurred anywhere near populated towns," the official said.

The big earthquakes of the past week—in addition to the Banda Sea and Asia Minor shocks there was a violent upheaval in South America—have followed a period when "the earth has been curiously still," the Observatory official commented.

The average number of earthquakes, big and small, recorded at the Royal Observatory in Hongkong each year, is 350, or approximately one a day.

Casualties Known To Be High  
ANKARA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—At 1 a.m. a severe earthquake shook Anatolia.

Precise details of casualties and damage are not yet available but it is known that many were killed and injured and that much property was destroyed.

The Minister of the Interior has personally to direct the rescue and relief work in Anatolia.

It is still impossible to assess the damage and casualties because communications with some affected areas are interrupted.

The principal towns in several eastern departments are partly destroyed and many villages laid in ruins.

Los Angeles Disturbance  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—An earthquake shook the buildings of Los Angeles and Long Beach at 11.30 a.m. local time.

The inhabitants hurried into the streets for safety.

Up to now no reports of damage have been received.

FINNS ADVANCE 50 MILES BEYOND RUSSIAN BORDER  
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that 3,000 white-clad Finnish ski troops were encamped.

Red Retreat 53 Miles  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Salpa (northern) front has become the most important in the Finnish War as a result of the amazing Russian reverses.

The Finns claim to have driven the Russians back to their own lines in Soviet territory.

It is officially claimed that the Red Army retreated 53 miles in three days.

Five thousand Russians are unofficially reported to have been killed since December 17.

# ANTARCTIC QUEST

## Admiral Byrd At Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly aboard his Polar Exploration ship, "North Star," en route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful until the ship ran into a gale, but the vessel and cargo, including a snow cruiser, were not damaged.

## Missed Christmas Day

Christmas Day was missed by the crossing of the international day line but the festive nevertheless was celebrated with exchange of gifts and card stings.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where it found that the inhabitants had an adequate supply of food to see them through until a supply ship arrived.

Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa-nui, Pitcairn, where the inhabitants before his arrival, were unaware that war had broken out.

## GOTT MIT HUNS

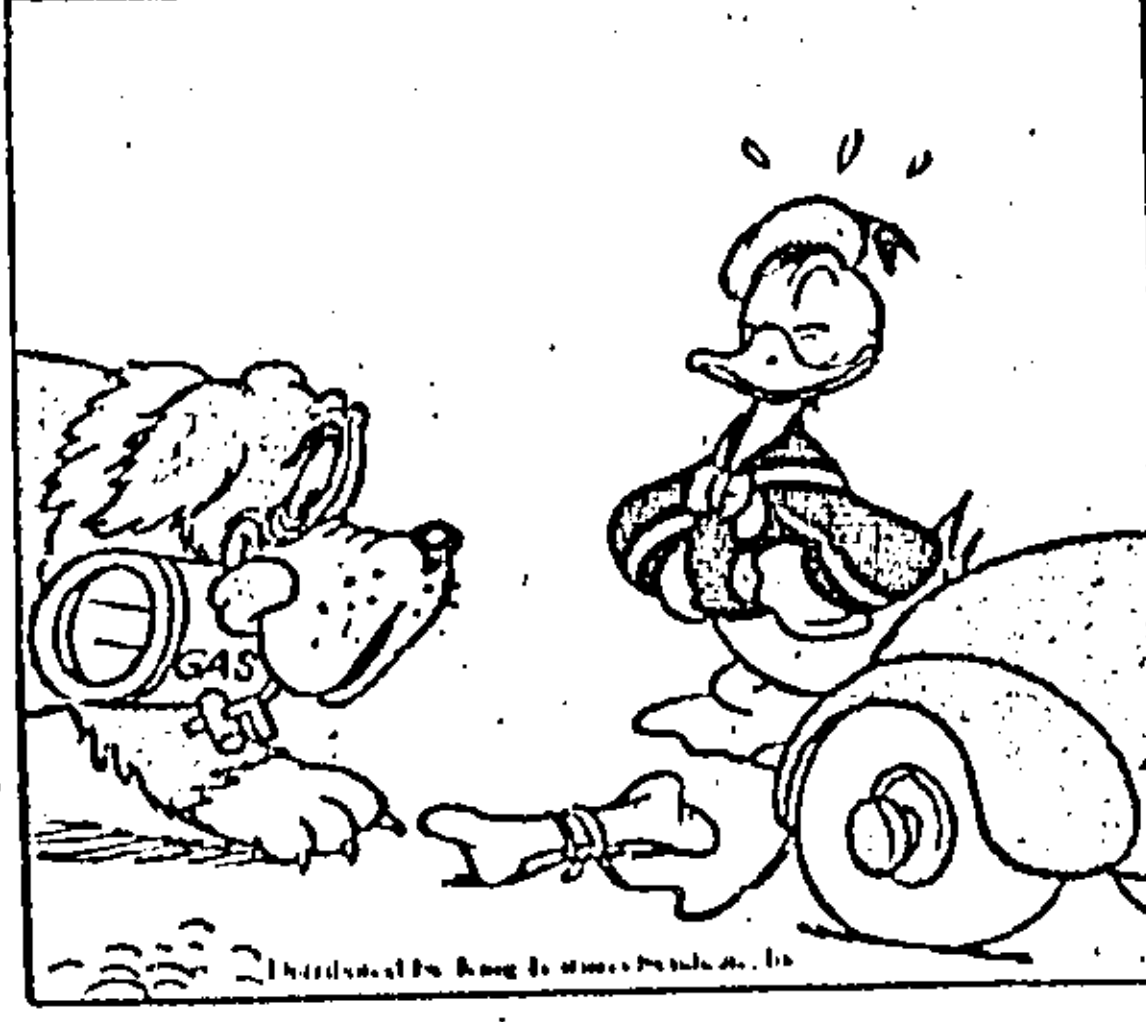
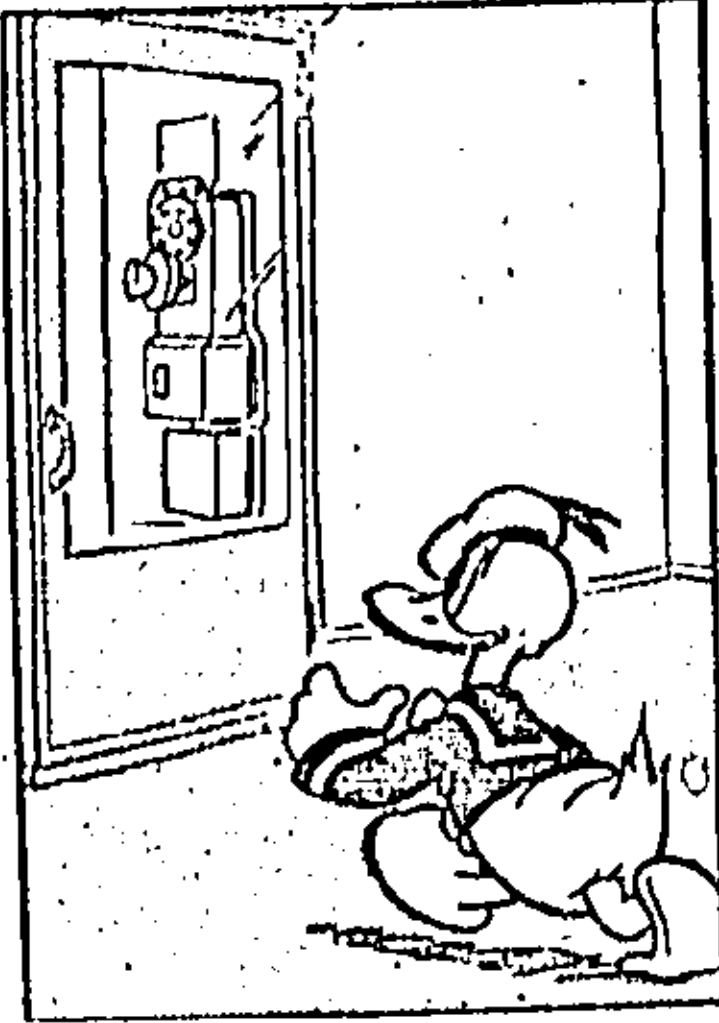
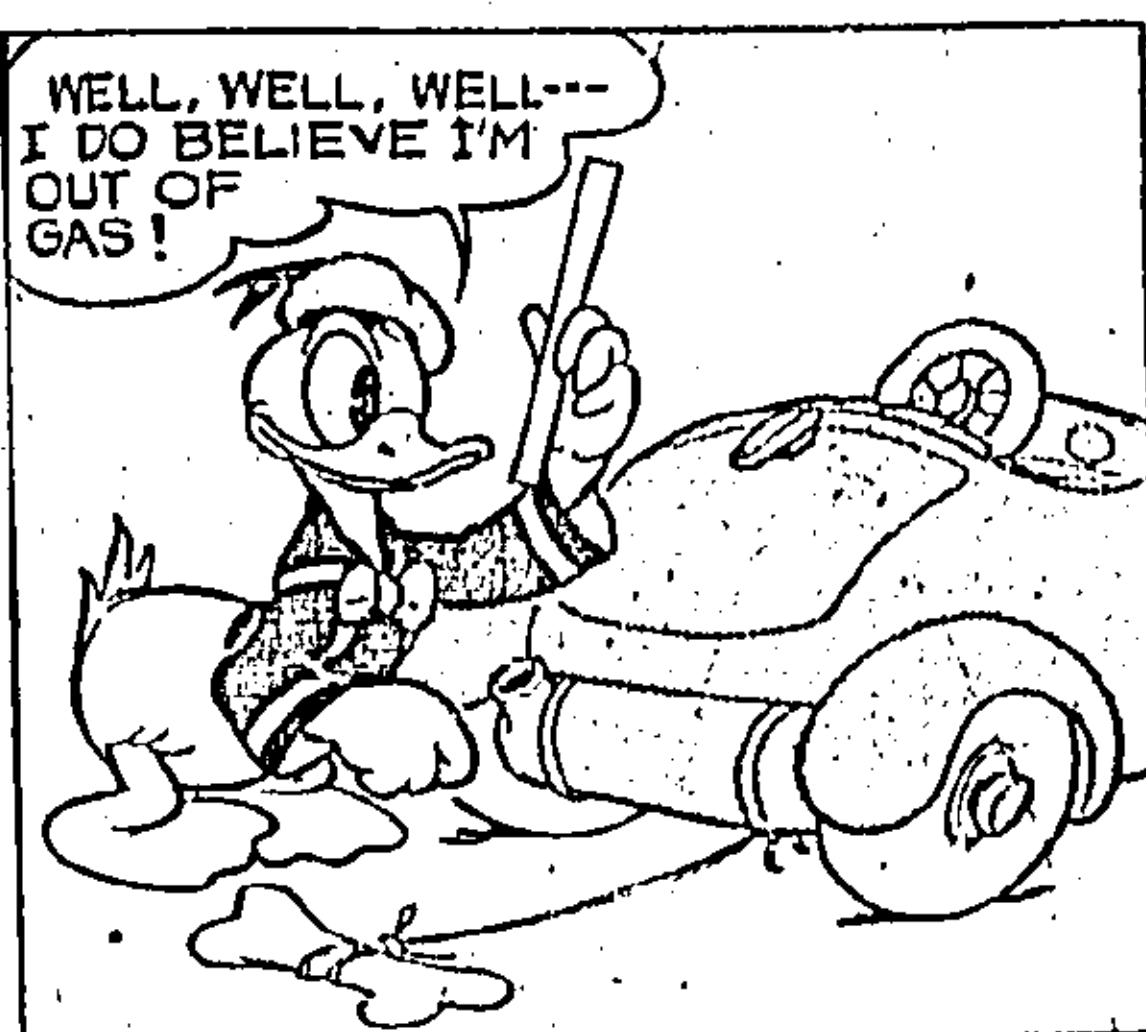
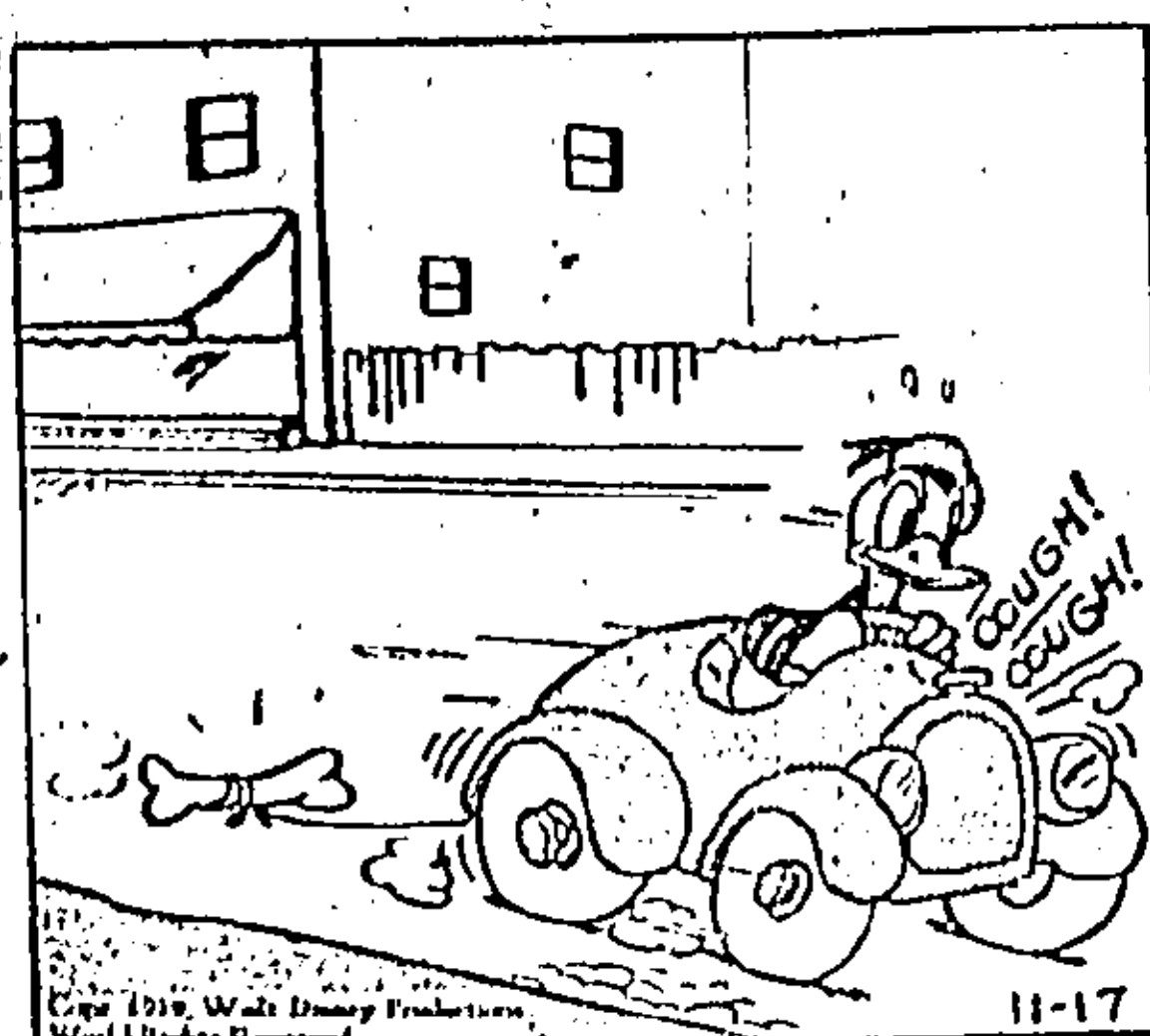
NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Christmas declarations of King George VI and M. Daladier are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American Press.

The "Boston Herald" says that the statements of the King and M. Daladier are more understandable to America because they spoke in cautious words of rulers who recognise their responsibilities to their people.

"Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of



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DIPLOMAT  
RELEASEDSeized Aboard Ship  
En Route To London

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the "Telegraph" by Mr. Gordon Vereker, the British diplomat who has just been released.

Mr. Vereker said that he had wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway, and had therefore booked a passage on an Estonian boat which was taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden, presuming that no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic.

"But I had under-estimated. We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop."

## Taken Prisoner

"The Germans came aboard and took the passengers prisoners," Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemünde, where he was shut up in a military prison.

Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was as agreeable as was possible under the circumstances.

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy, and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then on a regular boat to Sweden.

"Monkey Gland"  
Expert Joins Up

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Serge Voronoff, the famous "monkey gland" specialist, has called for Europe to join the Allied forces.

M. Voronoff will direct bone and skin grafting operations for wounded soldiers in France.

There's A Battle Of Words In The Far East, Too!

SINO-JAPANESE CLAIMS  
AND COUNTER-CLAIMS

OVER and above the fighting which is taking place on the various fronts, a "war of words" has been introduced into the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Recently a Japanese spokesman attempted to cut communica-

tion and he also glossed over the "sue drive along the Canton-Hankow the Chinese 'winter-offensive'."

These have all been refuted by a Chinese military spokesman in Chungking, according to a "Central News" message from the Chinese capital this morning.

"Merely Propaganda"

The spokesman states that the Japanese report of the Chinese intention to cut the Japanese communications on the Yangtse River is merely propaganda, which betrays their own fear and anxiety. As a matter of fact, he said, the Chinese have not made any such attempt as it is not yet time.

However, though the Chinese have not formally enforced a blockade, many Japanese vessels have been attacked in the Yangtse River during the past few months and an average of three were damaged each week, the spokesman claimed.

With reference to the Japanese operations on the Canton-Hankow Railway, the spokesman stated that the Japanese have long been dreaming of occupying the entire railway by a north and south drive, converging on Hankow.

The Chinese rather welcome such a Japanese attempt, for though the Japanese may mass all their newly-trained recruits and all their troops now scattered on the various fronts for the attempt, they will only fall deeper into the quagmire.

No Winter Offensive

As regards the Japanese allegation of the failure of the Chinese "winter offensive," the spokesman said that the Chinese had not launched any counter-offensive, and the persistent report might have been originated to cover the staggering losses of the Japanese forces during the current month.

According to this spokesman, the Japanese suffered no fewer than 100,000 casualties during the month.

man alleged that Chinese troops intentions on the Yangtse River, cess" of the Japanese northward Railway and the "failure" of

Mexican Oil  
ControlPresident Cardenas'  
Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Government has approved the law drafted by President Cardenas which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans with certain qualifications, from exploiting oil.

The law also abolishes oil royalties hitherto paid to landowners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through oil working.

Mexicans excepted under this law, must be financially, technically, morally and physically capable of carrying out the work of exploitation.

Up to December 24, Japanese, dead found by the Chinese numbered more than 43,890.

Commenting upon the intensification of Japanese propaganda in the last few days, he stated that it was largely intended for home consumption in view of the opening of the report might have been originated to cover the staggering losses of the Japanese forces during the current month.

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MEAT SOON TO  
BE RATIONED

No Shortage Likely

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—It is understood that an announcement of the date on which meat rationing will come into force in the United Kingdom will be made shortly.

Rationing is a natural result of the government's decision to take over the control of the sale, slaughter and distribution of all home-produced meat early in January.

The control and rationing of meat is designed to maintain the supply throughout the country. No shortage of meat is anticipated.

DOG-FIGHT  
IN SOUTHChinese Planes Give  
Combat To Invaders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE AIR BASE,

Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air

duel in South China for over two

years is reported to have taken

place on Wednesday afternoon

when Japanese Army aircraft

encountered a flight of Chinese

I-16 type pursuit planes over

Sunhu, north-east of Nanning,

Kwangsi Province.

The Japanese aircraft moved

out to support the operations of

Japanese ground forces near

Knotang, about 40 miles north-

east of Nanning.

The Chinese pursuit planes, im-

mediately gave combat and, in the

first mid-air engagement in South

China, Japanese craft shot down three of

the Chinese machines, according to a

Japanese claim.

Japanese planes carried out intense

bombardment of the Chinese forces

and their positions near Knotang.

All Japanese planes safely re-

turned to their base towards the evening.

LOSS OF COIN  
DENIED

RUMOURS THAT a large shipment of new subsidiary coins for Hongkong was lost when the vessel was sunk recently in European waters were officially denied this morning as being "entirely without foundation."

There is no extraordinary shortage of subsidiary coins in the Colony, and the fact that premium is being charged by native money-changers is probably attributable to the fact that the usual demand for small coins experienced just before Chinese New Year has already commenced.

NAZI PROTEST  
REJECTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27 (UP).—

The Argentinean Government has

rejected the protest of the German

Government at the internment of

1,000 officers and men of the scuttled

pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

A German request that one officer

be permitted to remain with each

group of interned sailors was also

rejected.

The request is regarded as an at-

tempt to keep the German sailors

under strict Nazi control.

SHIP CUT  
IN HALF BY  
TORPEDOAmazing Attempt To  
Reach Port

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter).

—Their ship cut in half by a

German torpedo, the crew of the

London tanker, San Alberto,

which was sunk without warning

in the Atlantic, returned to the

surviving stern half, got steam

up and made a bold attempt to

sail to port.

This amazing story of the sea

became known last night.

The San Alberto was attacked with-

out warning on December 9. The

crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes

before she broke in two.

The fore part twisted and sank

immediately.

Two boats, with the captain in one,

kept together in the driving rain,

squalls and rising wind and they

could occasionally see the other two

but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon, the cap-

tain determined that the after part

would not sink. They returned

and the crew started to raise steam.

By night-time the engines worked

and there was electric light.

The third boat came alongside but

one was still missing.

## Slow Astern

By keeping the engines going slow

astern, they kept the seas from tear-

ing the front part of the ship's re-

mains in bits, but every time she

had, her head to the sea, great strips

of plating were torn away.

The attempt to make port, there-

fore, had to be abandoned.

At 10 p.m., another vessel's lights

were sighted. An S.O.S. was sent

and she was asked to search for the

missing boat. She failed to find this

boat and then stood by.

The next morning this ship, the

Belgian tanker, Alexandra

Andre, attempted to transfer the

San Alberto's crew, but the seas

were running so high that the life-

boat was unable to get nearer than

20 feet.

After two men had jumped into

the sea and were picked up, it was

decided to wait until the weather

moderated.

That night a destroyer appeared

and offered to attempt an immediate

rescue, but the San Alberto's captain

decided to await daylight, despite

the heavy seas, darkness and the

breaking up of the remnant of his

ship, which was slowly sinking by

the stern.

At 7 a.m. on December 11, lines

were passed by the warship and the

crew ferried over in carley floats.

The crew of the fourth boat were

eventually picked up by the steamer,

Mauder, and landed after five days

at sea.

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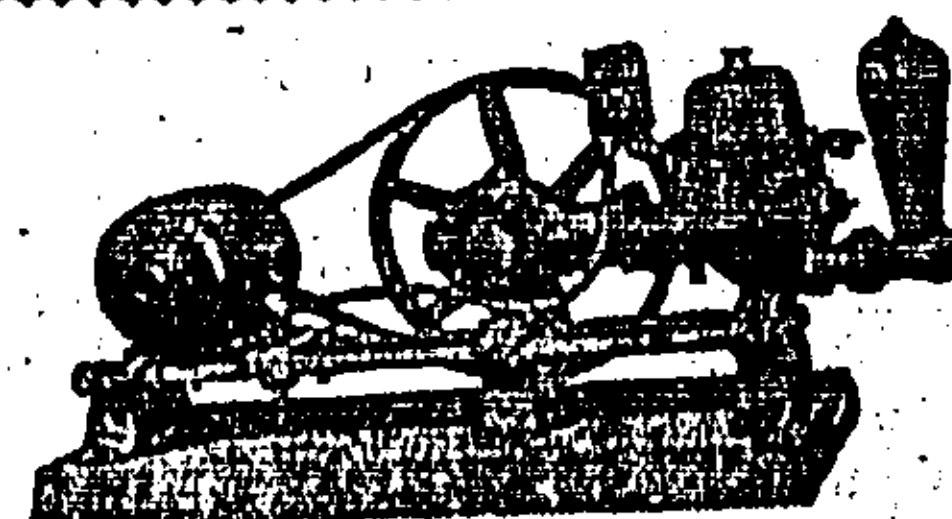
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C2708—Paul Robeson Medley, Lazy Bones, Fat II feller, Wagon Wheels,  
Deep River, Ma Curly Headed Baby, Old Folks at Home, Paul Robeson.  
C2709—Paul Jones, Lover Come Back to Me (F.T.), Pink Lady (W.),  
I Want to be Happy (F.T.), Who (F.T.) Merry Widow (W.),  
New Mayfair Dance Orch.  
C2713—One Night of Love Memories, Ciribirlin, Habanera, (Carmen),  
One Fine Day (Butterfly) Semptra Libera (Traviata) Soprano with Orch.  
C2716—Ballad Memories, Sweet and Low, Come Sing to Me, Three  
Fishers Dear Little Shamrock, God Send You Back, Sully in  
Our Alley  
C2719—Jerome Kern Melodies, Look for the Silver Lining, Who She  
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## STALIN PURGES ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according to Paris-Rad's.

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the O.G.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

## Reds Continue Mass Raids On Finnish Cities

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland.

More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere (Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done.

In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area, wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities. One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere. Other towns were also raided.

## AID FROM ALLIES

Russo-Finnish Conflict May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
PARIS, Dec. 27 (Dome).—The Allies are understood to be pushing preparations to extend military and financial assistance to Finland.

It is understood that the Allies are also ready to assist Sweden and Norway if Soviet pressure is extended to them.

Informers estimate that Allied assistance to Finland will be made on a larger scale, both militarily and financially.

Meanwhile, the tardy progress in the Soviet military operations in Finland is reported to have encouraged Balkan nations to revive their attempts to form a Balkan neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended in a failure about a month ago.

Rumania is reported to be determined to resist both Soviet and German pressure.

Scandinavian Aid  
LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—More help for Finland is being sent. A Danish ambulance unit of 130 beds arrived on the central Finnish front to-day.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that the appeal for comforts for Finnish soldiers has met with a wonderful response.

U.S. Donations  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The State Department denied London reports that the United States intends ordering Americans to leave Russia and will then sever diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government.

Purchases in U.S.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—A Finnish Mission has opened negotiations for the purchase of the latest type of American trench mortars, anti-tank guns, together with sizeable supplies of munitions.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. Augusto de Figueiredo

Prominent Portuguese Resident

After an illness of almost a year, Mr. Augusto de Figueiredo, well-known member of the Portuguese community, passed away this morning at his residence, 65 Waterloo Road.

The late Mr. Figueiredo was 63 years of age, and in his early days was a keen sportsman. He had been married to Mrs. Shevnan, of Tames and Co., both in Canton and Hongkong, and subsequently with the Green Island Cement Company, with which concern he had been for a great number of years. He was an old member of the Club Lusitano and as a mark of respect the flag of that institution is flying at half-mast. He is survived by his widow, son, daughter-in-law and a grand-daughter.

The funeral takes place to-day, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

## PUPPET'S "TOY" ARMY HAS MUSEUM UNIFORMS

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Arrivals from Tallinn have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish People's Government", although it has few people to govern.

The puppet government has now got its own toy army. Unfortunately the army has no uniforms of its own and the Soviets are too busy fighting the Finns to be able to provide them with any.

The museum was accordingly raided and the toy army is now fitted out with military costumes of the early eighteenth century.

The costumes are worn exactly as they were 200 years ago, with one exception.

In the middle of each coat had now appears a Red Star.

## JAPANESE MONGOLIAN REVERSES

Admission By Military Spokesman In Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admissions made by the Japanese military spokesman to-day show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia today had pressed by the recent Chinese offensive.

The Japanese casualties in the fighting around Paochow totalled a hundred dead, including a full Colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-west part of the city, and the spokesman, were subsequently driven out with heavy losses.

For a time the railway between Kweihsia and Kailan was interrupted, the Chinese apparently succeeding in advancing to the outpost of Kweihsia before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are led by General Fu Tso-yl, former Governor of Suiyuan Province.

Heavy Japanese Losses  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (UP).—It is officially reported that between December 1 and 25, as the result of simultaneous Chinese attacks on all fronts, the Japanese casualties totalled 100,000, including 43,800 killed. The Chinese military spokesman denied the Japanese allegation that the Chinese winter offensive was frustrated due to the fact that the Chinese have not yet commenced a big scale drive to disrupt the Japanese communications. He said the Chinese attacks along the Yangtze throughout the year resulted in a weekly average loss of two Japanese ships.

## Anglo-Chinese Discussions

Attempt To Dispose Of Controversies

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, who will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits, will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including the various suggestions for a solution of the Tientsin issues.

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The "Asahi Shimbun" statement that "everything depends on the British attitude" is manifestly incorrect since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments. It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government for some reasonable arrangement which will dispose of this troublesome question.

Kerr For Chungking  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—It is authoritatively stated that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr is leaving for Chungking on Saturday, accompanied by Lady Kerr.

This is the Ambassador's second visit to Chungking since the outbreak of war in Europe.

## Lord Mayor's Fund Now £899,000

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).—During Christmas holidays, the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by £3,000 to £899,000.

Taipei River was repulsed, the communists claim.

To the northeast of Lientsa the enemy are retreating to the frontier in the direction of Dihsan, where the Finns are advancing.

Yesterday's air raids on South Finland four civilians were killed and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not been stated.

Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Latjolahti where an enemy attack was repulsed.

Soviet Air Raids  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Russians dropped 50 bombs on Turku with unknown results; 15 on the town of Tampere, and an undetermined number of bombs on the town of Hamenlinna in south central Finland, where there are many evidences.

An air-raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki at 12.45 p.m., when heavy explosions were heard, presumably from bombs, but possibly from coastal artillery which was heard for the first time in Helsinki.

There was some anti-aircraft firing in Helsinki but no bombs were dropped and the all clear signal was given at 2 p.m.

The Russians also bombed Helsinki. Results are not known at the moment.

Despatches from Finnish military headquarters at Rovaniemi say that eight Russian planes flew over the town. The air-raid was sounded but no bombs were dropped.

Kemijarvi was bombed, but the damage has not yet been reported. It is said that one raider was shot down and forced to make a landing in a small lake. A Finnish patrol has been sent out to capture the plane and its occupants.

## R.A.F. RAID NAZI SHIPS: ONE IS HIT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 27 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES TO-DAY BOMBED TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS AND ELEVEN GERMAN PATROL SHIPS. ONE OF THE LATTER WAS HIT.

It is also officially announced that two German submarines have been sunk by the French Navy in the last three weeks.

PLANES OVER ENGLAND

What were believed to be German planes were sighted over several coastal points in England to-day. They were presumably reconnoitring.

Two were seen at a great height over a Suffolk town, trailing white smoke. Hundreds of people watched a third, which was flying over the Thames Estuary at a great height and laid what seemed to be a smoke screen and escaped.

It is recalled that a German plane was shot down in the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.

FRENCH RAID ALARM

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP).—A ten minute "air alert" alarm was sounded in northern France at 12.15 p.m., to-day.

Sea-Air Battle  
LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—R.A.F. planes had encounters with enemy air and surface craft in the North Sea.

One Dornier bomber was hit several times.

Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with bombs.

Later the same aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and made at least one hit.

Head-On Combats

One British aircraft encountered a Dornier bomber and registered several hits with machine-gun bullets.

Another British aircraft was in a series of head-on combats with a second Dornier.

In the latter encounter, the German bomber was attacked with bombs dropped by the British pilot as he dived towards it.

The bombs only narrowly missed their objectives.

When a third Dornier came on the scene, the two German aircraft flew in a tight circle to bring a cross-fire from the front and rear guns to bear against their British opponent.

This manoeuvre was broken by the steadiness and accuracy of the British gunner, who scored a number of bursts and their mark on each Dornier, both being damaged and silenced.

The attack against the destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on the seven patrol ships was close to their base, where the British pilot made his dive attacks.

The German ships put up a heavy fire against the aircraft, which nevertheless was not damaged.

Air Ministry Statement

LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that a British coastal plane dive-bombed two German destroyers and four patrol vessels, and later bombed seven more patrol ships close to their base. The pilot estimated that he made at least one hit.

"The bomb fell on the stern of a vessel which was seen to be disabled," he reported. All the R.A.F. planes returned to their bases unscathed, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The Air Ministry adds that a battle occurred between a British plane and German warships, one of a series of "minor encounters" in the North Sea to-day between R.A.F. coastal command planes and the German air and surface craft.

Three Dornier planes were riddled by machine-gun bullets and one was attacked by bombs. There were no R.A.F. casualties.

A.A. Guns Bark

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—A.A. guns in the neighbourhood of Paris were in action yesterday against an unidentified plane flying high towards Paris.

The air-raid alarm was sounded in Paris and was over in about 20 minutes.

## Y.M.C.A. IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).—The Y.M.C.A. expects to have spent half a million pounds before the end of February on the establishment and equipment of red triangle centres for the R.A.F. in France.

The centres, the first of which have recently been opened in one of the great ports, will be at bases on the lines of communications and in forward areas, and the initiative has been taken by the Army Council and Lord Gort.

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## 21,500,000 FAGS FOR TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).—The Overseas League announces that since opening its Tobacco Fund, £21,500 has been collected, providing 21,500,000 cigarettes. Subscriptions are being received from all parts of the Empire and British communities in foreign countries.

## DEATH LEAP

Injuries sustained when he jumped from the second floor of the Tai Kam Sam tea house in Reclamation Street proved fatal for Liu Cheong-ngh, 36. Liu sustained internal injuries from which he died shortly after being admitted to hospital. The reason for his act is unknown.

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

# NEW KHALSA SIKH XI IN ACTION

### Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers' Test On Sunday Next

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett put in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave a useful display; with more experience she gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second half than in the first.

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a grueling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, as a kicking back, saved the side from a heavy defeat. However, the defence with Miss I. Woolley, Miss F. Everett and Mrs. Wilmott, fought gamely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y" forwards were broken up.

Mrs. M. White, who has only just returned from a holiday in England, revealed fine stick-work at centre-forward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack. Quick, the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will certainly be of great value as leader of the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

IN a junior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground, Argonauta and C.B.A. played a drawn game. C.B.A. fielded a depleted team, and Mendonca of La Salle College appeared for the home team in goal. The Portuguese were the better players and had it not been for Mendonca in goal, would have won comfortably.

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did fine work. Miss N. Silva, at centre-half, was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being highly instructive.

C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor account of themselves. Aimless hitting, many stoppages for minor infringements, and far too much talking, in which Miss J. Kellshaw was the chief sinner, were the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back, however, played a strong game, and Miss J. Crawford was always a trier in the attack.

Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration, and should the C.B.A. ladies hope to improve by starting these so-called friendly games, there must be greater attention paid to a definite plan if improvement is to be brought about.

IN a Tournament game played on their home ground last Sunday morning, Recreio beat

### United Services Soccer XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehan (Middlesex), Freshwater (Middlesex), Layl (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Phippens (Navy), Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), Duffield (R.A.O.C.), Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Handy (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.), Pearson (Middlesex).

Nomads 2-0. Though they deserved to get home in a keen game, the Rees had to go all out, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

N. Beltrao scored two splendid goals in the first half, in which the winners, led by the speedy B. Gosano, did most of the attacking. And when they got into their stride, they were aggressive.

W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower of strength, and kept too brief a check on his younger brothers in the opposite attack. Tony Alves, the left half, also played well up to form, with young Z. Gosano taking the lion's share in the last line of defence. He covered his brother, "Old Doc" splendidly—the latter on occasions suffered from lack of oxygen.

The Rees showed fine combination, and should the team maintain last Sunday's form, there are very few teams left in the Tournament to defeat them.

Nomads, in the second half, predominated territorially, whilst in the first half Soares, their goal-keeper, was the outstanding player. The defence were inclined to get flustered when pressed, and a little more coolness and covering would perhaps have kept the score down. Beyond this, the defence played well, with R. L. Reed shining many a keen tussle with his brother "W.A."

The return of S. A. Reed to the attack improved matters considerably, but again, the forwards in

### Rugby Football

## CLUB "A"-POLICE DRAW



Lt. Bdr. Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. Walter. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attendance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup—Ming Yuen.

### Try Scored In Last Five Minutes

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY EVENING on the Club ground, the Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back than the stand-off halves through slow heeling and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordinarily well in time rushes, and gave Thomson no time in which to get the ball out to Charter. The result being that Charter had either to make a swift kick to touch or break away on his own.

Luscombe, at the base of the scrum for Police, was likewise embarrassed, and when he did pass out Leslie had difficulty in fielding his wild passes. Taylor, on the Police wing, was seldom in action, and generally found himself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

### POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on the Club's left wing more than Lavalie. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good passes. Reynolds, of Police and opposite Van Leeuwen, although seldom seen in action, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen in check.

In the lineouts Stout did well for Club, and had more success than Dempsey, Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick heel.

In the set scrums, Salter hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hard-working Police pack prevented a quick clean heel.

Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in instigating wheels.

### SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the kick.

In the closing minutes of the game, from a loose scrum on the Club line, Dempsey dived over to score after he had smuggled the ball from A. Taylor, of the Club. Wall just failed to convert from mid-way out. Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club.—A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalie, A. J. G. Taylor, C. F. Needham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; P. F. Wanklyn, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; B. Hynes, R. G. Castleton; W. Burford, L. A. Benn and W. Stoker.

Police.—Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Seale, Rose; Cullinan, Innes, Lewis, Dempsey and Riddell.

### Navy "A" 9 R.A.M.C. 5

AFTER BEING in arrears at the interval, the Navy "A" beat the Royal Army Medical Corps by 9 points (three tries) to five (a goal) at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Lt. Bax, at full-back, Mid. Tenre, at centre-three-quarter, and Mid. O'Riordan and Sgt. Gallagher, the halves, were the pick of the Navy side, Gallagher being outstanding in his tackling and efforts to get his three-quarters away.

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul and Lt. Bax. He also added the goal points.

The second half was very much a repetition of the first, although Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mrs. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Navy back-division, gave them their second try, but failed to add the goal-points, and in the closing stages Navy placed the issue beyond doubt when Mid. O'Riordan scored an unconverted try near the corner flag.

## Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war had not caused the cancellation of the St. Leger he would probably have been one of the few triple crown winners.

He had already won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the Eclipse Stakes.

Blue Peter won most of the stake money brought to his owner, whose total was £39,404 with his horses in fourteen races.

And he gave both Lord Rosebery and Jack Jarvis their first Derby victory.

Horses under the care of Jack Jarvis won £50,210, and he finished the season more than £20,000 in front of J. L. Norton, his nearest rival.

The Aga Khan had his worst season since 1925, for his horses won only ten races worth £10,797.

Next best to Lord Rosebery was Lord Derby, whose horses won twenty-four races worth £22,275, and then Lord Glenvalley, who won £11,187 in twenty-four races.

For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became the champion jockey, with 155 winners.

He has ridden 2,586 winners during his career, and only 100 behind Fred Archer's full total.

A totalisator record was set up.

The takings on the Derby, £61,008, were a record for any one race.

### Diocesan Boys Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs.

La Salle College scored only 10 (L. D'Almada 3, Burch four for two, White three for two), while Diocesan Boys totalled 52 (Macaulay 34, Arcuill five for 10, L. D'Almada five for 29).

general lacked attacking skill. P. Rull and B. Xavier, however, formed a most dangerous combination. Play was fast and interesting—the Nomads were again beaten by better forwards.

THE new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action for the first time last Sunday when they defeated a weak C.B.A. team 1-0. Several well-known players from the Radio, Police and Army are included in the team, and once this new combination gets going they should give a very good account of themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and though they were hard-pressed, V. Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler were always in the picture.

NEXT Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on their home ground, at Soekunpoo, the Royal Engineers will be given their first severe test in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, when they meet the Radio and Postal Sports Club, who are the present champions.

Carter, I believe, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he has now fully recovered from his knee operation.

The Sappers possess the best record to date, but they will have to give of their best if they hope to subdue the champions.

The game should be interesting and worth watching.

### Polish Tennis Star Now A Waitress

A REPORT from Warsaw that Mile. Jadwiga Jedrzejska, Poland's leading lawn tennis player, and a number of other prominent Polish sportsmen and women, are working as waitresses in restaurants.

Mile. Jedrzejska was London grass-court champion, and a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, when she was beaten by Miss Round.

Fears had been expressed for the safety of Mile. Jedrzejska. She was in Warsaw a week before the German invasion, and it was believed that she was still there when the city was bombed and shelled.

## Stooges Win R. A. Polo Final

THE STOOGES beat the World Workers by 4-2 in the final of the Royal Artillery Cup Polo Competition yesterday at Boundary Street.

Mrs. Peters, wife of Commodore A. M. Peters, presented the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

The World Workers opened in overwhelming style, and inside seven minutes had scored twice through Lewis and Bousfield. It was not until near the end of the first chukker that the Stooges reduced the score to 2-1.

Some little while after the commencement of the second chukker, Colson levelled the scores with a brilliant backhand shot.

The Stooges took the lead in the third chukker through Nicholson, and though several great efforts were made by the World Workers to draw level again, the fourth and deciding goal came during the final chukker, when Nicholson scored again.

The teams were: Stooges—Major R. J. L. Penfold, Lt. P. Nicholson, Capt. A. F. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith.

World Workers—L. A. Lewis, J. C. Bousfield, Major P. E. Whitehead (two chukkers), Major W. W. (two chukkers) and Commodore A. M. Peters.

### H. K. C. C. 2nd XI

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 2nd XI against the Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI on Saturday at Kowloon.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. P. Bishop, N. B. Rooker, A. T. Dow, J. Mackenzie, T. Macleod, D. O. Farnen, R. W. Paterson, D. B. Hobbs, W. Saker, T. M. Sutter.

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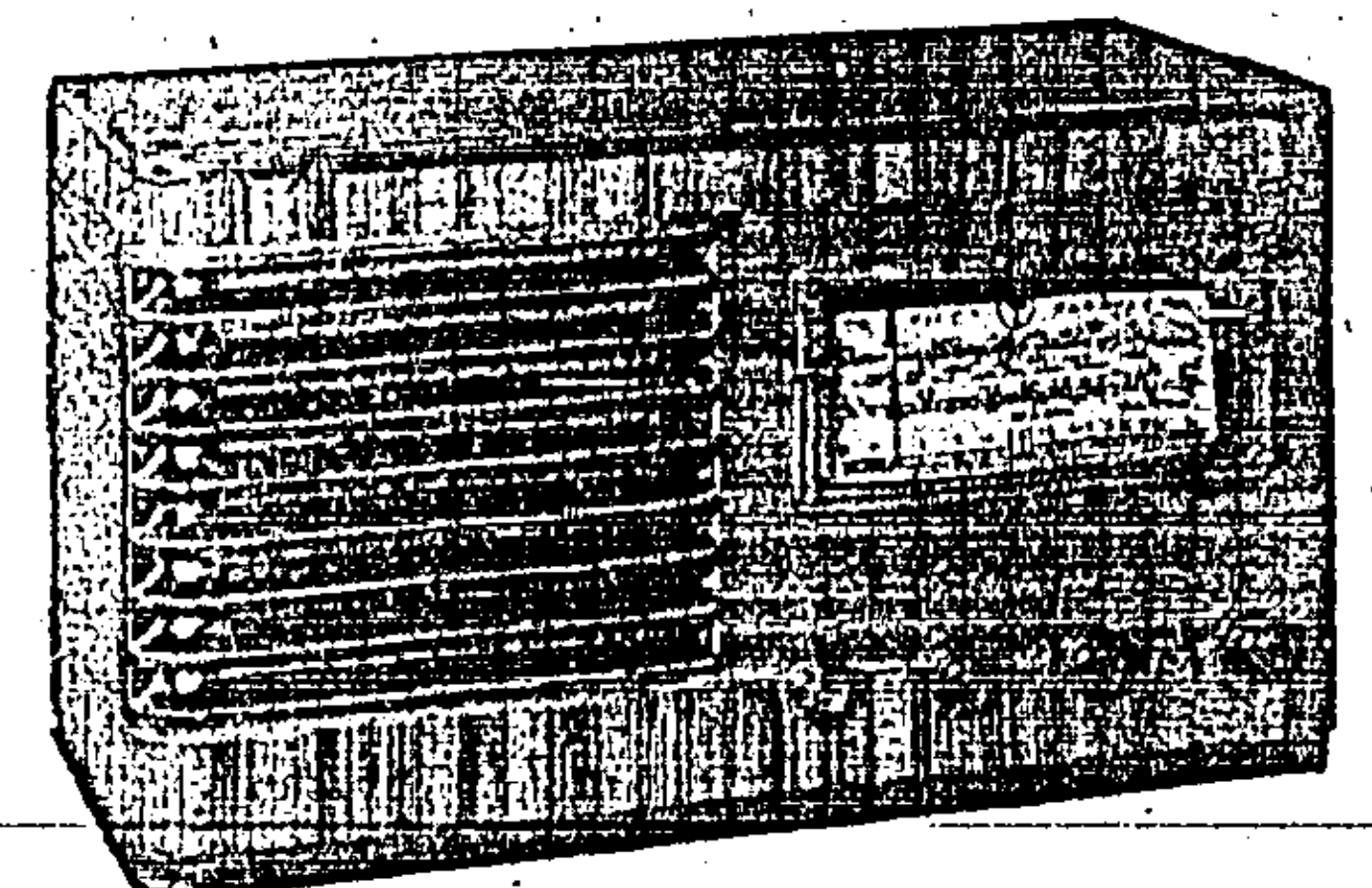
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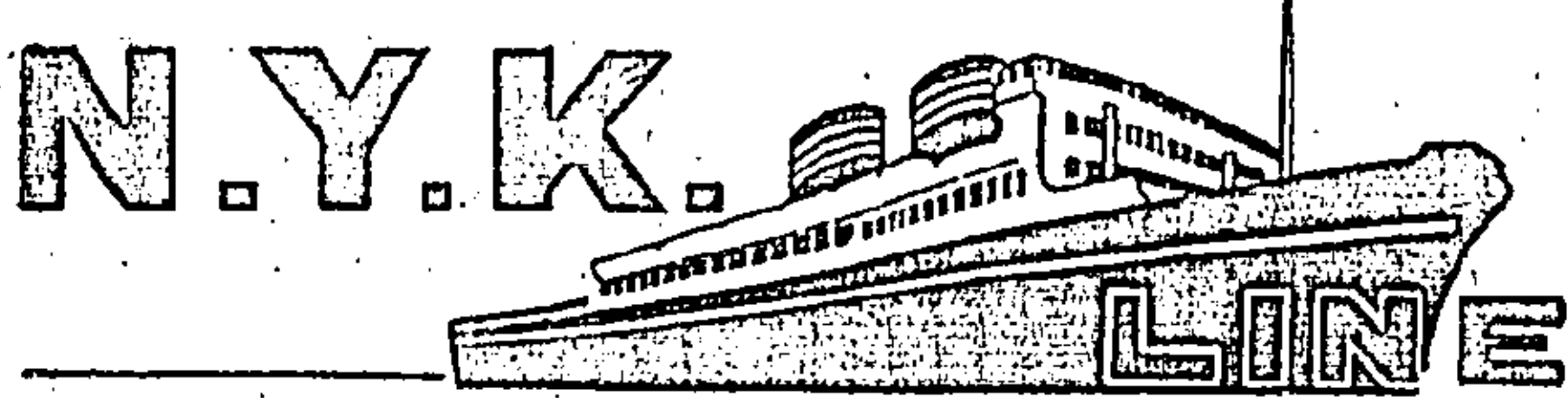
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The calmness of the British nation faced with the calamity of war, was reflected by their behaviour when they spent Sunday as they normally would. Below, at a South coast resort holidaymakers enjoyed the sunshine, and the crowded shore presented much the same appearance as during an ordinary week-end. This photograph was taken six weeks ago.



IN SAAR VALLEY—German soldiers cautiously enter unidentified town in Saar Valley, past factory destroyed by French bombardment, after French withdrew. Nazis are expectant of mines, set by French, that might blow up at any moment. Picture passed by German censor. Photo by Movietone News.



ALLIED CAUSE THEIRS—Line of volunteers, mostly Arabs, wait outside Jewish agency office to enlist for service with Allies. Jewish agency reports 135,000 Jews enlisted "en bloc."

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-  
cession.

12.30 Schubert—Quartet in A  
Minor, Op. 28. Kolisch Quartet.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Wea-  
ther Report.

1.03 Compositions of Eric Coates.  
A Song Remembered, John Mc-  
Cormack (Tenor). Saxo-Rhapsody,  
Sigurd Rascher (Saxophone). Music  
Of The Night, John McCormack  
(Tenor). Cinderella, A. Pannasay,  
Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Wea-  
ther Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 "Fats" Waller (Piano and  
Organ). His Rhythm and Adelaide  
Hall (Vocal).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.  
6.47 The Hill Billies, Thar's Gold  
In Dem Thar Hills, Headin' Home,  
Take Me Back On When Ah Dies,  
Ole Faithful.

7.0 London Relay—"The Butterfly  
that Stamped." One of Kipling's  
"Just-So" Stories. Produced by  
Maurice Brown.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.45 Studio—Talk by Dr. P. S.  
Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical  
Services. "Campaign against Tuber-  
culosis."

9.0 Local Time Signal, Weather  
Report and Announcements.

9.03 Moszkowski—From Foreign  
Lands—Suite. Berlin State Opera  
Orchestra conducted by Clemens  
Schmalstieg.

9.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston  
D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil  
Shaw at the Piano. II. Sogno  
("Mignon"—Massenet), Adieu Mignon  
("Mignon"—Thomas), Che Gelida  
Manina ("La Boheme"—Puccini),  
Amore Canto (Tagliaferrri), II  
Pescatore Canto (Tosti), Luna  
d'estate (Tosti).

9.45 Studio—"News Notes from  
Home" A talk.

9.53 Reginald Foor at the Organ.

9.15 London Relay—News Sum-  
mary.

9.25 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 in  
E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World").  
The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra con-  
ducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

10.04 Songs by Nan Marysia (So-  
prano). Standchen (Serenade) (R.  
Strauss), Morgen (To-morrow) (R.  
Strauss).

10.14 Violin Solos by Yehudi  
Menuhin. Caprice in G Minor, Op. 1,  
No. 6 (Paganini—Enesco), Songs My  
Mother Taught Me (Dvorak—Per-  
singer), La Fille Aux Cheveux De  
Lin (Debussy—Hartmann), Allegro  
Lento (Liszt), La Capriccioiosa (Ries).

10.30 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)  
in a Light Orchestral Concert. Tango  
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Obstinata (Fontenay, arr. Cole),  
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Life Is A Dream (film "The Prodigal"),  
Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). The  
Jugler (Goltzsch), March Of The  
Caucasian Chief (from "Caucasian  
Sketches"—Ippolitov-Ivanov), Joseph  
Muscat and His Concert Orchestra.  
Wanting You (film "New Moon"),  
Lover, Come Back To Me (film "New  
Moon"), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)  
with Piano. Valse Bleue (Margie),  
Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Beccel) Or-  
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11.0 Close down.

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Arab Sheikh

FIRST essential of most New Year's Eve parties is fancy dress. For the benefit of anyone who has neglected to make preparations beforehand, here are four original and quite creditable ideas for dressing up. Everything necessary for each costume can be found in the average household.

The handsome Sheikh has his face stained brown (sun-tan make-up or a weak solution of iodine), and a black wool or burnt-cork beard.

His costume is a towelling bath-robe or dressing-gown, slashed with any vivid scarf.



Equally effective for either sex: Russian costume.

Head-dress is a sheet secured round the head with heavy cord and wrapped round the neck. Another sheet or a blanket or rug makes the cloak.

He wears beach sandals or bedroom slippers on bare feet. A young and slender girl will plan her Bridge Table costume as illustrated. Owners of less lovely limbs will prefer a full-length skirt. In the former case a black jumper, in the latter a plain black dress is the basis, and it is sewn with cards, the various suits cut out in felt, and (if available) pierced coins. The apron, a piece of green baize as used for cutlery canteens, is similarly decorated.

Cards are attached to a plain headband for the crown and bridge-markers are hung from the waist.

The Surrealist costume (a similar one can easily be devised



Bridge Table costume. Suitable for the young idea.

for a man) is capable of variation according to individual fancy.

It is suggested that the head be draped with black or white material surmounted by a lamp-shade frame trimmed with artificial flowers or paper chains. Another wreath adorns the neck.

A sheet makes an effective "cape" over a plain black evening dress.

From the cord girdle hang an assortment of things (or cardboard cut-outs; these should



Striking Surrealist dress for a woman.

include at least one shoe, its heel decorated with a cutlet frill.

Stitch to the dress newspaper pictures or shapes cut from felt, including a large "mouth" on the bodice. Wear, if you can find them, black cotton gloves.

The Russian costume (good for either sex) is effective if it is done like this. Wear a man's white tennis shirt back to front; the collar should be stitched together and the points removed; the tails are cut level.

The shirt should blouse slightly over a vivid sash, preferably red. Choose wide trousers pyjama, and tuck them into Russian, Wellington or riding boots. The hat is easily made with a cylinder of cardboard made to fit the head and covered with black or white fur, cloth or felt.



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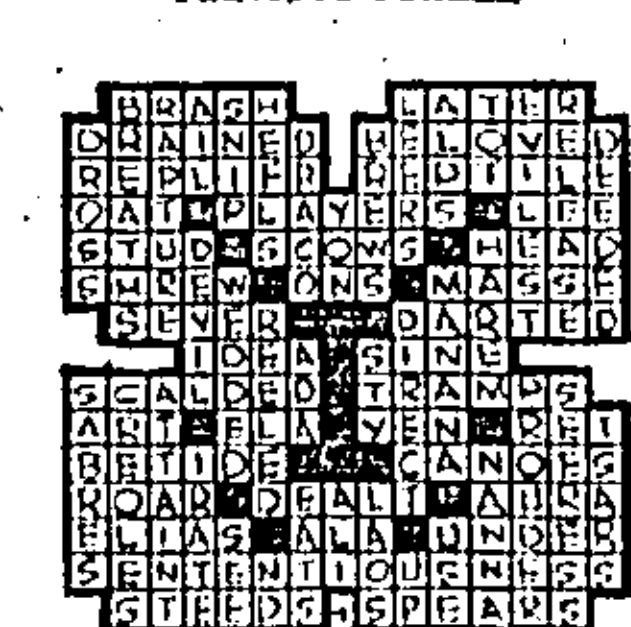
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By LARS MORRIS

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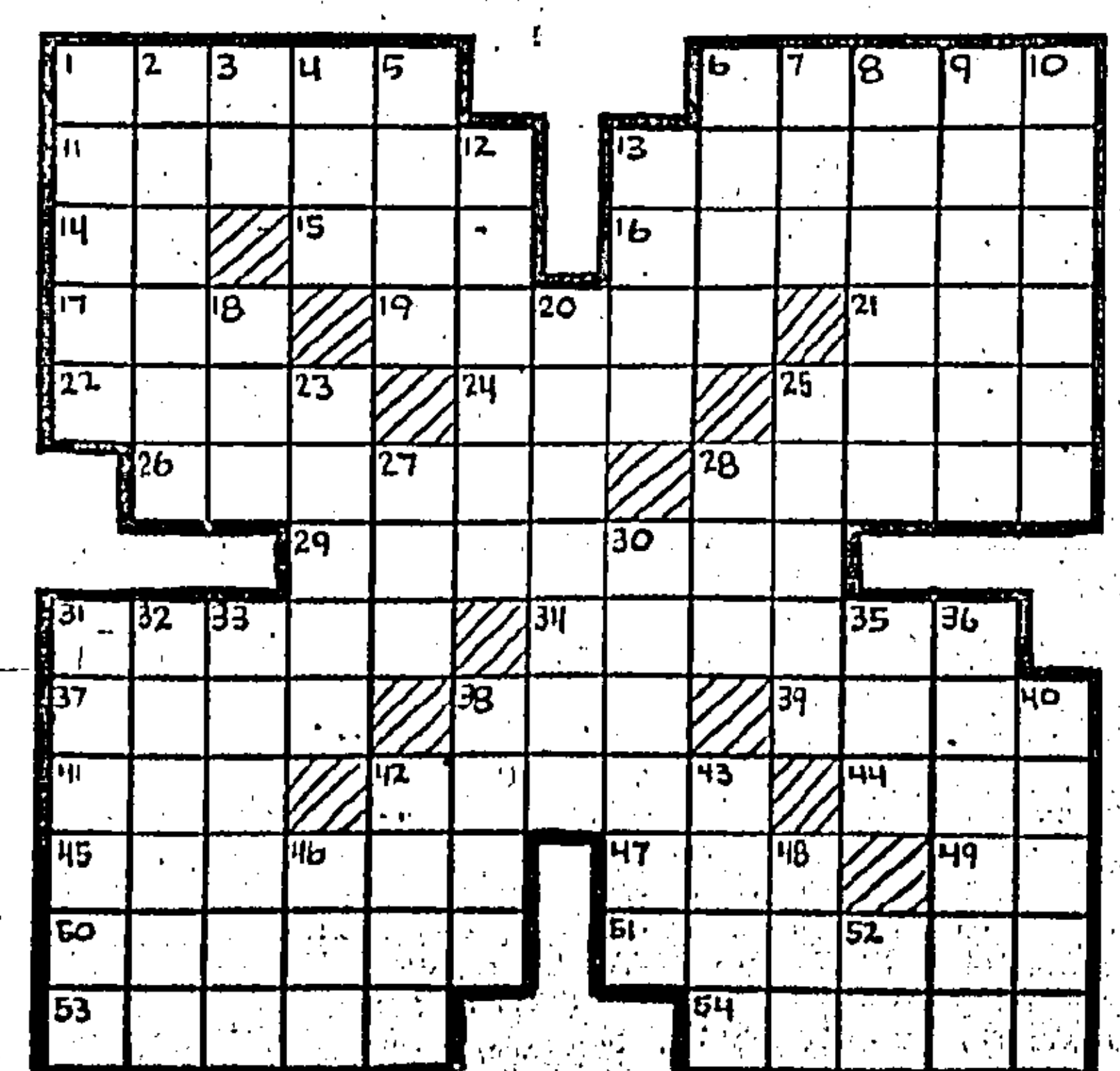
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- 6—Bundles of straw
- 11—Attacks
- 12—Vulgar
- 13—You and me
- 14—To the right
- 15—Ready
- 17—Body of water
- 18—Piece of furniture
- 21—Dispiriting exclamation
- 22—Store navigator
- 24—Belt
- 25—Dreadful
- 26—Kind of race-horse
- 27—Jig-saw puzzle
- 31—State of doing work
- 34—Frown
- 37—Dry
- 39—Fresh
- 40—Burn
- 41—Amalgam metal
- 42—Amounts of medicine
- 43—Blain
- 44—Store heated
- 47—Part of face
- 48—Inner orbicular
- 50—Liquids of fate
- 51—London street

ANSWER TO  
PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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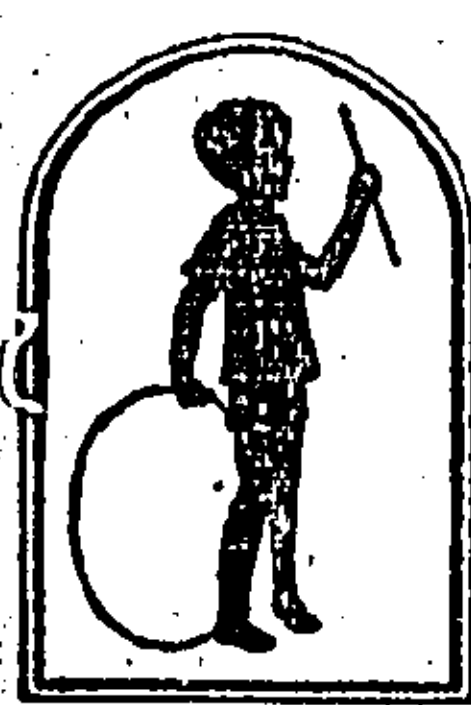
- 2—Put in
- 3—Under name of
- 4—Limo
- 5—Let it stand
- 6—Flat fish
- 7—State of old
- 8—Amorous
- 9—Have certain
- 10—Shackle
- 11—Part of year
- 12—Bottle
- 13—Atmosphere
- 14—Urethra
- 15—Named
- 16—Grand index
- 17—Navy sailor
- 18—Animal's foot
- 19—Toothed wheels
- 20—Madness
- 21—Dancing bird
- 22—Part of year
- 23—Verminous
- 24—Remark
- 25—Large beetles
- 26—Tears apart
- 27—Salts
- 28—Taken seat
- 29—Bird
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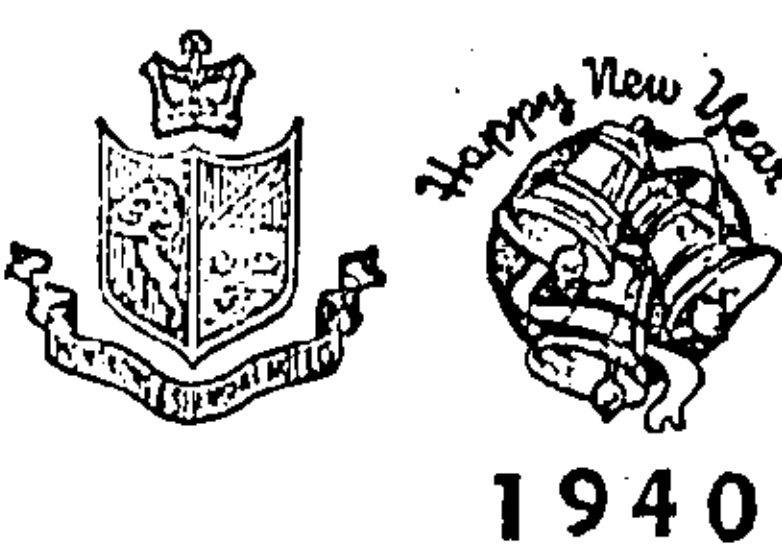


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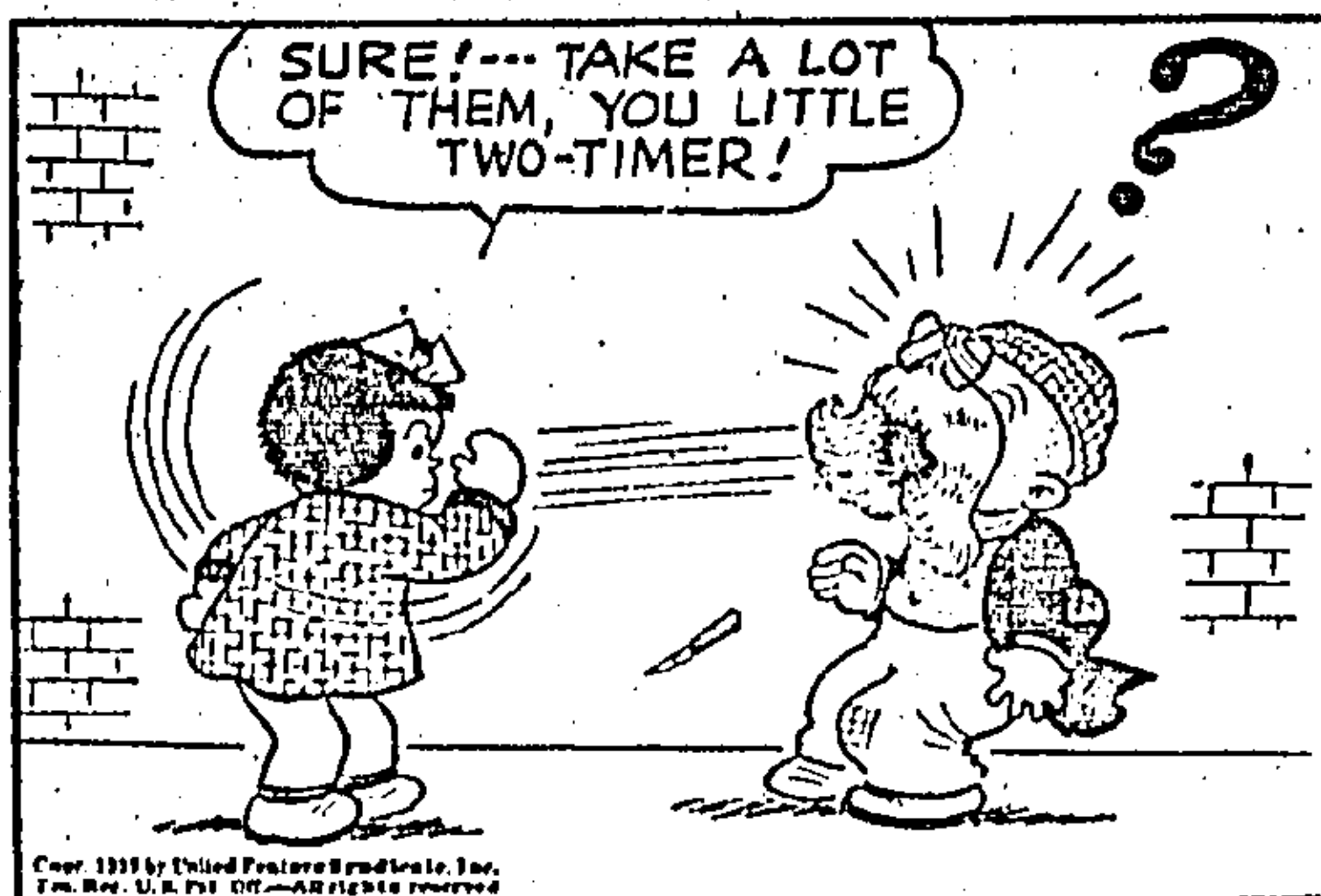
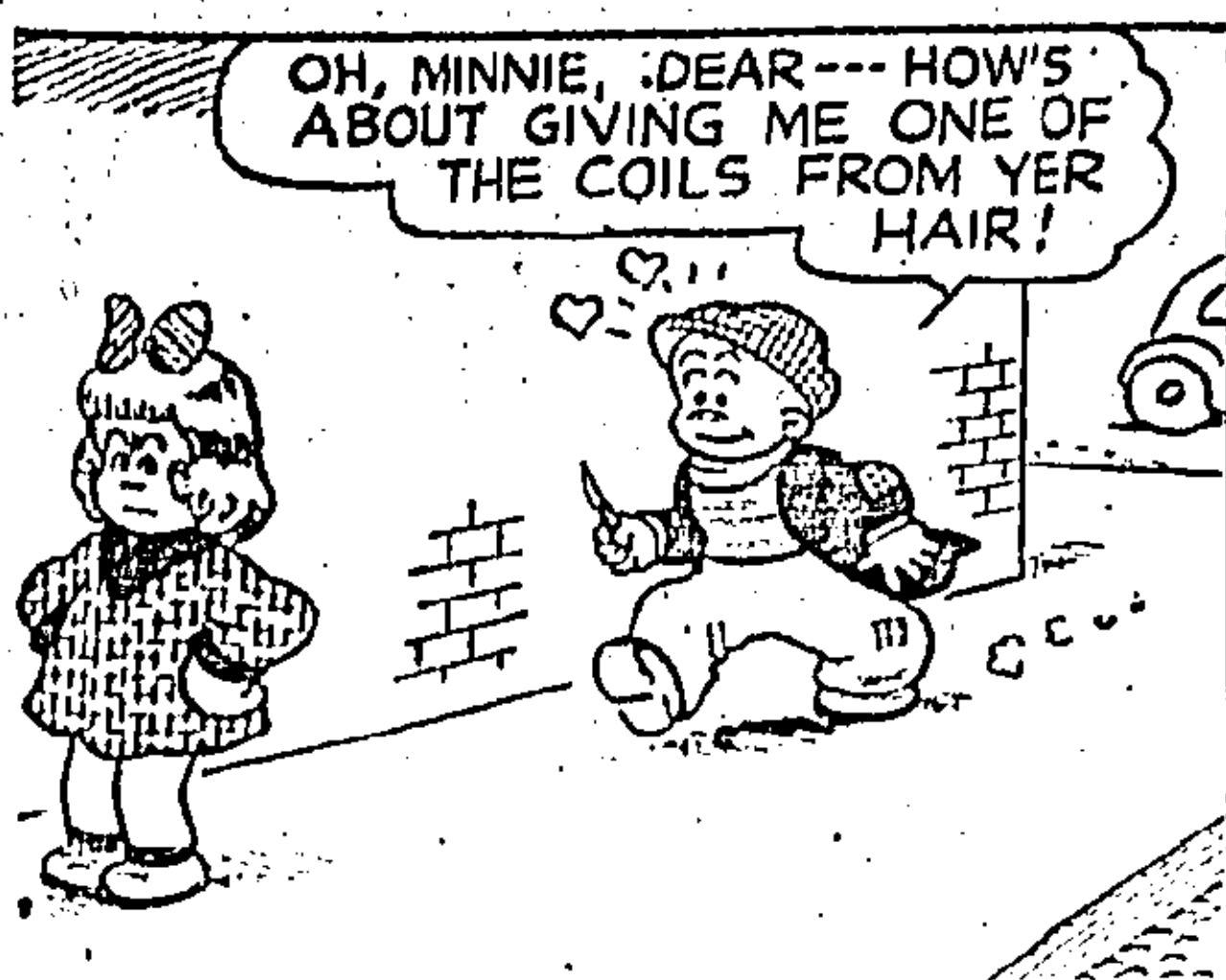
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By Ernie Bushmiller

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1890.  
Bright and clear, it seasonably chilly, was Xmas Day in this "chief gem of the East." And, we venture to think, no place in England's dominions was more thoroughly enjoyed—at any rate by the European population, from the excitement down even to the hawking element. Every hotel, shop, club and private house was duly decorated, though mistletoe is a trifle dear out here; and in the matter of good cheer every class contributed from Shanghai wild-duck and game generally to tropical fruits from the Philippines, whilst our friends in Queen's Road supplied probably many more luxuries than the majority of residents here would have revelled in the good old country. The Berlin Foundling Home was as happy as ever. Pastor and Mrs. Hartmann, having many willing assistants, and there was the usual well-laden Christmas tree. The guardians of our peace had their accustomed "good time" at the various stations. At the Central the decorations were exceedingly tasteful, the measure being in with flags and appropriate notices.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1915.  
The "Temps" declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe; on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively pursued for the armed intervention of the Japanese Army in Europe. A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Mail," to the following views as to the probable duration of the war, his estimate being based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.  
He divides the war into six periods—two past, one present and three to come.  
The first period was the advance through Belgium into France. The second period was the battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne. The third period is that of the fighting on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle for Verdun. The fourth and fifth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Rhine. The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.  
He estimates that the battle for Calais will not completely end before the beginning of December. He anticipates a period of five months to the battle of the Meuse—the end of April or the beginning of May, 1916. The campaign on the Rhine should last nearly twice as long—that is to say, until February, 1917.  
The final march to Berlin and negotiations for peace should bring the war to an end with the final withdrawal of the Allied armies of occupation in 1917.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1929.  
The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakisaka, arrived at Southampton from New York aboard the a.s. Olympic, which flew the Japanese flag at the ceremony. The delegation was greeted by the Mayor.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: On reopening after the holidays the market displayed a welcome degree of steadiness.

Buyers	Sellers
Bank	\$1345
Doors	\$10.70
Providents	\$415
Tramways	\$10.90
Yammat Ferries	\$235
Cement	\$10.80
Watsons	\$5.80
Entertainments	\$5.00
Constructions (old)	\$135
Telephone (old)	\$25
Sales	\$1015/70
Union Ins.	\$425
Doors	\$1015/70
Tramways	\$17
Electricity	\$525

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Antanok	1015	b
Batung Gold	17	s
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Demonstration	115	s
East Mindanao	11	s
I.X.L.	42	s
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Hydro Mining	32	s
Mambulo Con.	02	s
Masbate Con.	12	s
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Mine Operation	115	s
North Camarines	1015	b
Panama Gums	1015	b
San Mateo	30	s
Surgano Con.	20	s
Suyco Con.	1515	s
Syndicate Inv.	026	s
United Paracetic	35	s
Benguet Con.	565	b

### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1934.  
An admission that Memei and Storm Troop detachments together with the Prussian Storm Troop detachments, had plotted to seize Memei by violence and to take into the German fold this portion of Lithuania, was made by one of the 128 accused to-day, a man named Nollman.  
The 128 accused are all Nazis, court-martialed on December 14, for plotting to seize Memei and to murder certain "traitors." Seven of these "traitors" all of them loyal Lithuanian Government servants, were murdered. Some of the accused "face murder charges" also.  
Mollanus pleaded guilty from the beginning. He is said to have declared that two Memei Nazi organizations had close relationship with the German Consul-General in Memei, and that Dr. Ernst Neumann, leader of the Nazi party in Memei, was appointed Herr Hitler's deputy for the region.  
The Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, stationed on the outskirts of Surbuckken, to-day carried out their first long route march.  
The cheerful and friendly demeanour of the men, and their disciplined bearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The Saar frontiers were closed to-day and until after the Plebiscite only those foreigners will be admitted to the territory whose passports have been specially viced.

## Undercutting Rice Price

### Shanghai Traders Are Concerned

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).—Chinese trading quarters are viewing with strong suspicion the motive behind the operation in the western district by the Japanese authorities here of a rice shop where the grain is sold at \$30 a picul compared with the market price of \$40.  
The shop was opened about three weeks ago under the name of Tung Sang ("Oriental Prosperity") Company Station and has been selling native rice to hundreds of coolies daily.

### Damaging Effect

The shop's operations are said to have a damaging effect on the rice trade in the entire area since the legitimate merchants are unable to purchase rice for sale at prices much below the quotations given by the shop.  
Labour discontent is still manifest in a subdued form. The strikes at several factories are still unsettled.

## Passed Car On Corner European Fined

C. L. Crampton, of Cumberland Road, was summoned before Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for passing a moving car on a corner in Castle Peak Road on December 3, and was fined \$20.  
Sub-Inspector Scrim said Mr. H. F. Old, of the Sanitary Department, complained that while he was driving up Lai-chikok Road, and when nearing a right hand bend, defendant overtook him.  
When defendant's car was overtaking Mr. Old's car, a bus came from the opposite direction, and Crampton's car just squeezed through. The bus had to run up the embankment to allow defendant's car to get through.  
Summons for driving without licence, Crampton was cautioned. He stated that he had an international driving licence and thought it was valid here.

## Unhappy N.D.L. Captain

### \$253,587 Claims Against His Freighter

MIAMI, Dec. 27, (UP).—The unhappy captain of the Nazi freighter Arauca, which fled into a Floridian port last week when it was pursued by the British cruiser Orion, to-day accepted another three suits for attachment of his ship.  
The creditors claim that the N.D.L. line, owners of the Arauca, have muled them of considerable sums by selling cargoes entrusted to their ships.  
The total amount of the claims against the Arauca is now \$253,587.

## New Chief Justice For Mauritius

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wire- less).—It is announced by the Colonial Office that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. J. L. Devaux, Attorney-General at Trinidad, to be the Chief Judge of Mauritius on the retirement of Sir G. E. Nairne. It is also announced that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. George Graham Paine, Puisne Judge at Nigeria, to be Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, succeeding Mr. A. H. Webb, recently appointed Chief Justice at Tanganyika.

## Industrial School Is Burgled

A thief entered the St. Louis Industrial School, West Point, on Tuesday night and stole money and jewellery valued at \$124. A report of the theft has been made to the Police by Brother Grimshaw, Station.

The Imperial plane with London mails which should normally have arrived in Hongkong to-day has been delayed and will not arrive until tomorrow afternoon.

## Epidemic Of Hand-Bag Snatching

### Many Women Robbed

Numerous cases of handbag snatching were reported yesterday, both on the Island and in Kowloon.

Mrs. Smith, of 250 The Peak, was walking in Wellington Street when a man snatched her handbag and contents valued at \$44.50.  
Mrs. K. S. Yu, of 207 Wanchai Road, was robbed of her handbag and contents valued at \$13.00 when walking in Nathan Road near Hamilton Street.

A similar incident occurred near the same place a little later, when a thief took a handbag and contents valued at \$3 from Mrs. Chan Choi-wan, of 373 Shanghai Street.  
Miss Granau, of 4 Homantin Street, was another victim. She was robbed of her handbag containing money and articles valued at \$14 in Man Ming Lane.

A pick-pocket relieved Mrs. Dargie, of 1 Puk L. Chien Street, of a purse containing money and a pair of gold ear-rings valued at \$15 in Shanghai Street.

## MOUNTING DEBTS

### More Writs Against German Ship Arauca

London, Dec. 27.  
A message from Miami states that three further writs for attachment have been filed against the German freighter Arauca, bringing the total sum involved to \$250,000.  
One suit was filed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company of London claiming some £20,000 for fuel oil supplied to the Hamburg-America Line ships just before the outbreak of war.  
Another claim entered by a New York firm represents the expense of transporting sugar in two Hamburg-America freighters which took refuge in South American ports on the declaration of war.  
The third was entered by a New York merchant for alleged damage by water to paint brushes which were shipped in the German steamer Hamburg from Hamburg to New York—Reuter, Special.

### Pan-American Bolt

London, 26.  
Great Britain is considering the Pan-American protest against the alleged infringement of the Panama Declaration safety zones.  
It is contended that the protest contains an error in fact, namely the reference to the "sinking and detention of German merchantmen by British warships in American waters." The British have sunk no German ships in Pan-American waters; they have all scuttled themselves.—United Press.

### Released Men Leave

Montevideo, Dec. 27.  
Five British merchant marine Captains and 55 men who were freed from the Admiral Graf Spee have left in a British steamer—Reuter Bulletin.

## GAS AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

A well contaminated area may on occasions be worth a division—particularly when there is not a division to be had where it is wanted.

Gas in the last war was a weapon of offence, largely due to the element of surprise when it was first introduced. It was an aid to offence when troops were unprepared to meet it.

After gas masks had become general it was more of a nuisance than anything. Gas tactics were in their infancy.  
In this war it will be a weapon of defence, and thus it will undoubtedly be employed eventually.

## PRESIDENT RETIRES

Zurich, Dec. 27.  
M. Moscicki, former President of Poland, with his wife and daughter arrived in Switzerland this morning from Rumania en route to Feiberg. According to the Polish authorities, M. Moscicki will stay at Feiberg, where he was once a professor of the University, as a private person for reasons of health only.—United Press.

## Negotiations With Soviet

### Japanese Envoy Has Long Interview

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Domei).—An interview lasting four hours was held between Mr. S. Togoh, the Japanese Ambassador, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, in the Kremlin Palace, this afternoon.

The Japanese Ambassador called on the Soviet Foreign Commissar at 5 o'clock. During the conversations that ensued, it was understood that the fishery question and the Soviet request for the payment of last instalment of the price of the North Manchuria Railway were discussed.

Diplomatic circles describe the conversations as "important" in view of the fact that the existing fishery arrangement expires at the end of this year.

M. Molotov explained in detail the Soviet proposals in connection with the settlement of pending questions. It was understood that final decisions have not been reached at to-day's conversations.

The interview came to an end at 9 p.m.

## \$30 Fine For Keeping A Mui-Tsai

Acting on information received from the Anti-Mutilation Society, an official of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs visited a house in Chung-shan Road, Kowloon, and there found a mui-tsai.

Arising out of this, Wan Wai-san, 23, described as a student, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning and was fined \$30 for keeping a 15-year-old unregistered mui-tsai.

Mr. H. W. Fraser of the S.C.A., said Wong stated she had been sold by her mother in Swatow when she was 10 years old. Five years later she was brought to Hongkong. The girl did the usual sort of housework and received no wages or "lucky money."

Defendant had said the girl belonged to his mother who had left her in his charge when she left Hongkong. The girl recognised defendant as her employer.

## EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

### Employee Remanded

Charged with the embezzlement of sums totalling \$415.75, received on account of his employer, Altar Singh, provision store merchant, of 17 Morrison Hill Road, Tam Pak, alias Tam Tli-yu, 32, canvasser, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, when he was remanded for a week.  
Tam is alleged to have embezzled the money on various dates between August 30 and December 15.  
Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented Altar Singh, and Mr. C. d'Almeida appeared for Tam. Sgt. Bentley represented the Police.  
Hearing was fixed for January 16 and 17 at 2.30 p.m. Bail of \$500 was allowed.



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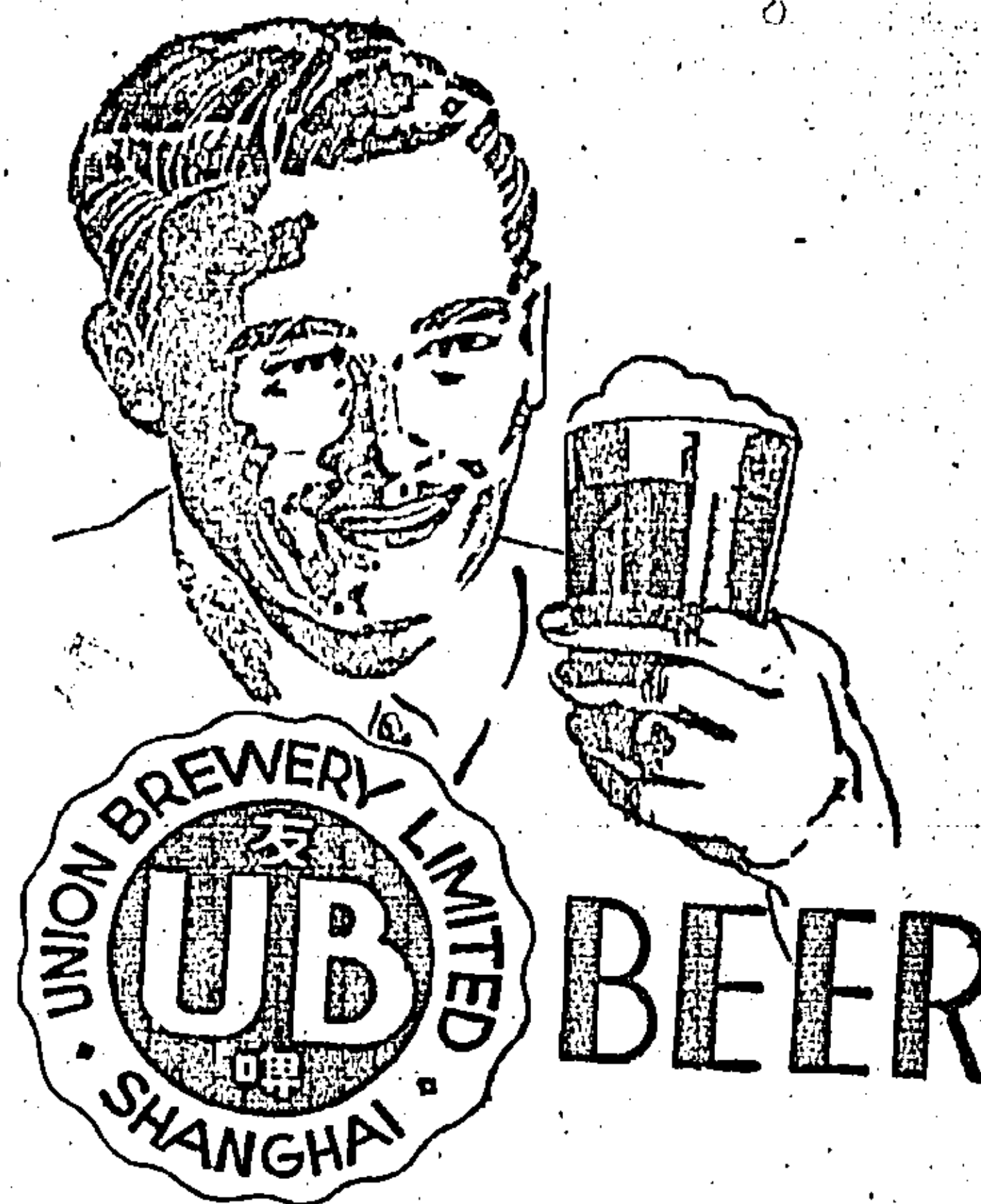
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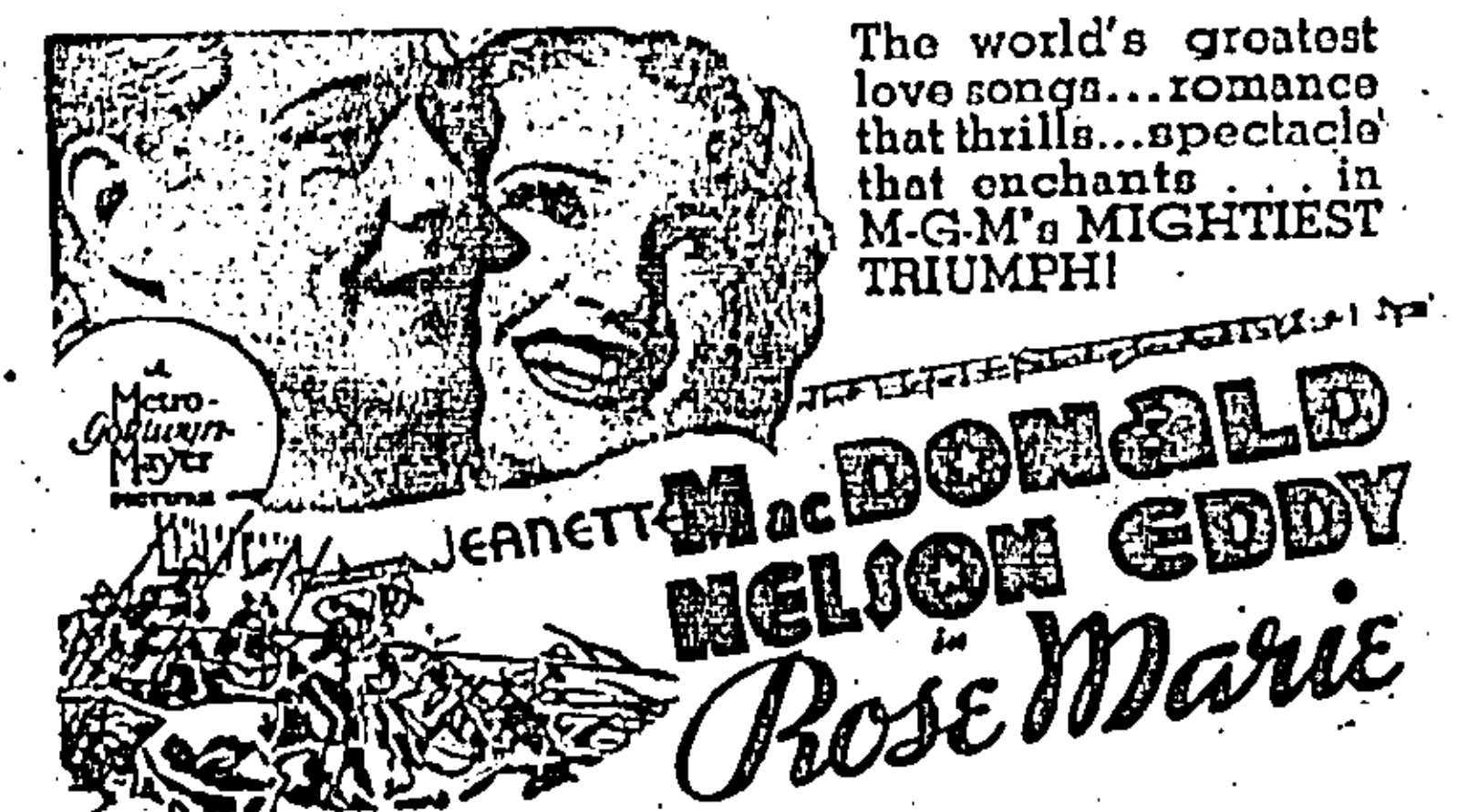
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## Horse-Sense For B.E.F.

### Indian Mules Going To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Mules from India are now joining the B.E.F. in France, proving again that no war or military operations can safely be conducted without mules, writes "Reuter's" military correspondent.

The mule will retain his indispensability whatever the circumstances. It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles.

He was unequalled for pack-carrying across country when shell-fire had made the roads impassable.

#### "Old Soldiers"

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with screw guns in the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns of Hamak or Wana.

Accompanied by the mule, transport columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest localities.

Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again.

## NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Several leading Swiss newspapers today carry an advertisement of a Berlin company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enterprises.

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether there may not be concealed behind these advertisements a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products, in neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral goods.

It is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

## BIG INFUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Department of Commerce announced that gold imports during the week ending December 20 amounted to U.S. \$193,000,769, of which \$167,088,345 came from Canada and is believed to represent shipments from the United Kingdom.

It is unofficially reported that approximately \$9,000,000 foreign gold has arrived on New York, reportedly from Scandinavia, Switzerland, India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 79 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland, 35 from Norway and six from Vera Cruz.

## Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon this morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine in Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and all vehicles were arrested.

Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred. So far about a quarter of a ton of stolen ammunition has been recovered.

## Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The President of the All-India Liberal Federation said that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Moslem League.

In reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

## 4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGH, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumbartonshire today.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man.

Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stone-age man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

## French-Contraband Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The French Contraband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24.

Forty thousand tons of merchandise were seized.

Since the outbreak of war the French Navy has brought 217 ships into port and has seized a total of 402,000 tons of merchandise.

## K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities APPROVE NEW TYPE OF SEASON TICKETS

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with them.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer's report was presented and approved. This showed, inter alia, that four new members had joined during the month, making a total for the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$240 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.08.

Correspondence dealt with included letters to the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association regarding the nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., China, Committee in regard to a nuisance occasioned to residents in the Jordan Road area; and to the Hongkong & Yumail Ferry Co. and the "Star" Ferry Co. in regard to life-saving appliances on ferries.

**Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket**  
In reply to a letter from the Association asking for particulars of the proposed alteration in children's bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. furnished full details of the proposed scheme.

They stated that, in view of established facts and other evidence all pointing to the necessity of more control over the use of these tickets, they had decided, rather than to adopt the alternative of total cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

Consequently, instead of issuing one ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets with days of the month (Sunday omitted) printed thereon will be issued.

The holder will be required to produce the entire book to the conductor for punching on each trip, and four additional trips will be provided on the cover of the book to enable the holder to travel for renewing the ticket. These tickets would come into force on January 1st, 1940, and the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from that date.

**Considered Adequate**  
The proposed revised ticket was thoroughly considered by the Committee and it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of eight rides per day was adequate even for children who necessarily have to use two different routes. It was felt, however, that the withdrawal of the family ticket privilege would constitute a hardship to parents of large families who were least able to afford it, and it was therefore decided to deplore this cancellation and to request further consideration thereof by the Bus Company.

It was noted with pleasure that additional rolling stock was expected to arrive from England soon which should materially reduce the present congestion. In reply to a suggestion from the Association, that the berths at the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses. A plan of the layout was considered by the Committee and the Bus Company's explanation accepted as being correct and reasonable.

**Street Watering**  
The question of street cleaning by means of watering was again brought before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at an Urban Council meeting, which failed even to secure a seconder. It was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

**French Santas For Kiddies**  
LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen.

The children were those of British naval men who lost their lives in the present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates.

A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Captain of the R.N.V.R.

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

## Severe Earthquake Asia Minor Believed Rocked Yesterday

LONDON, Dec. 27. A severe earthquake was recorded in many observatories in Europe, the epicentre of which is reported to be in Asia Minor, although no report has been received from there of any earthquake.

The shock was so great that the instruments in the observatories in Italy and Switzerland were broken.

**Four Hours' Shake**  
Italy, Dec. 27. The earthquake, which lasted four hours, was one of the most violent in 2 years, according to a statement made by the director of an observatory here.

The disturbance began at 1 a.m. with a violent vibration which damaged all the instruments.

It is believed that the effects of the disaster in other parts of Asia Minor must have been vast.—United Press.

## ANGLO-SWEDISH WAR-TIME PACT

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A wartime trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to war-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level.

A Joint Standing Committee will meet periodically in London or Stockholm to assist in the smooth operation of the arrangements contemplated under the agreement.

## Astonishing Customs Figures

### Favourable Balance For "Free China"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Customs returns and figures for the first three quarters of 1939, both for "Free China" and the occupied areas, were published in the Bank of China's "Financial Review" today.

According to these statistics, Customs in "Free China" registered a favourable international balance of \$33,445,000 (national dollars) while the figures for the occupied areas, including the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon, show an unfavourable foreign balance of \$405,115,000.

The adverse balance of international payments in the Customs under Japanese occupation amounted to \$200,173,000, while that in the parts of Shanghai and Kowloon, which suffered more or less from Japanese interference, was estimated at \$185,942,000.

**Chungking's Adverse Balance**  
Chungking shows an adverse balance of \$1,533,000 while Peking and Mengtze both record favourable balances of over \$13,000,000.

Wenchow has a favourable balance of over \$8,000,000 while Tientsin shows an adverse balance of nearly \$200,000,000 "owing to the large imports of Japanese goods into North China."

Kiaochow, Chwangtao and Chefoo show adverse balances of \$45,000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 respectively.

**Smuggling Problem**  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—In an attempt to halt the smuggling of goods into "Free China" from the occupied areas, the Chinese Government has decided to establish special inspection offices to keep a careful check on all goods entering the war area. It is announced here today.

During the past year, large amounts of Japanese goods are said to have been smuggled into "Free China," particularly through Hankow via Ichang.

It is alleged that the Japanese authorities are giving facilities to smugglers for the transit of goods up the river from Hankow for transshipment into Szechuen Province.

Large-scale smuggling is said to be depriving the Chinese Government of considerable revenue and enabling the Japanese to push the sale of their goods in China.

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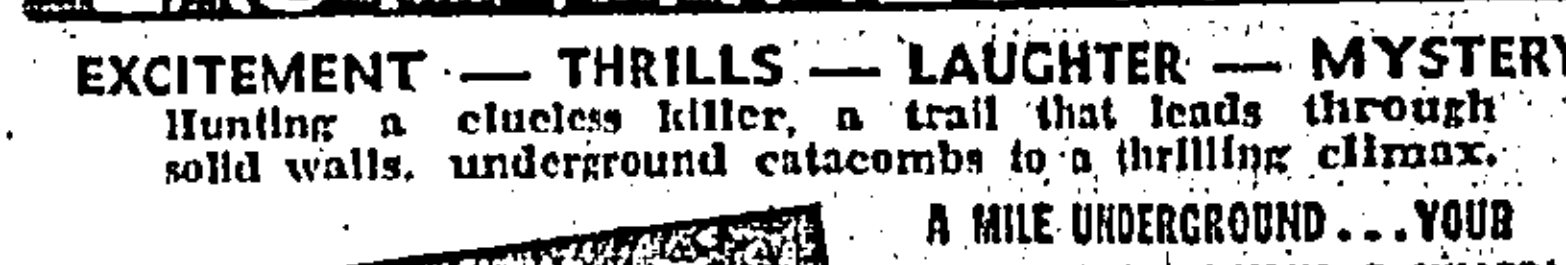
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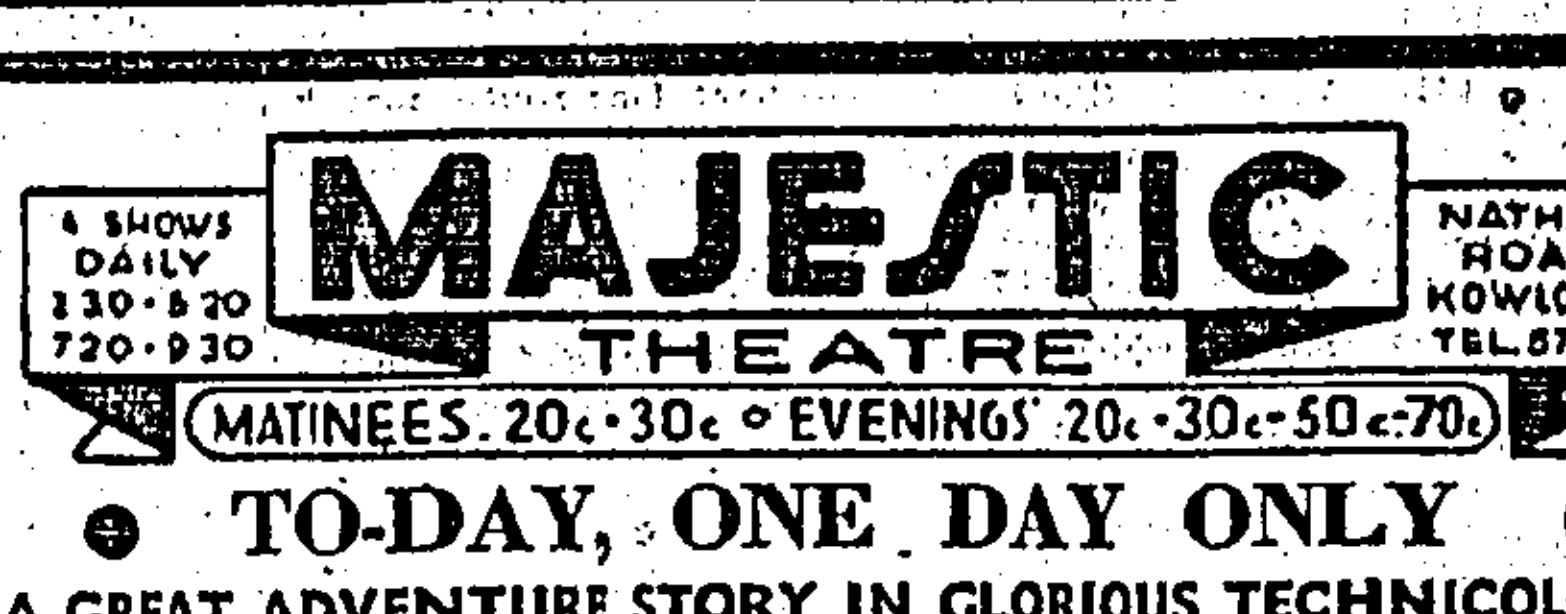
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